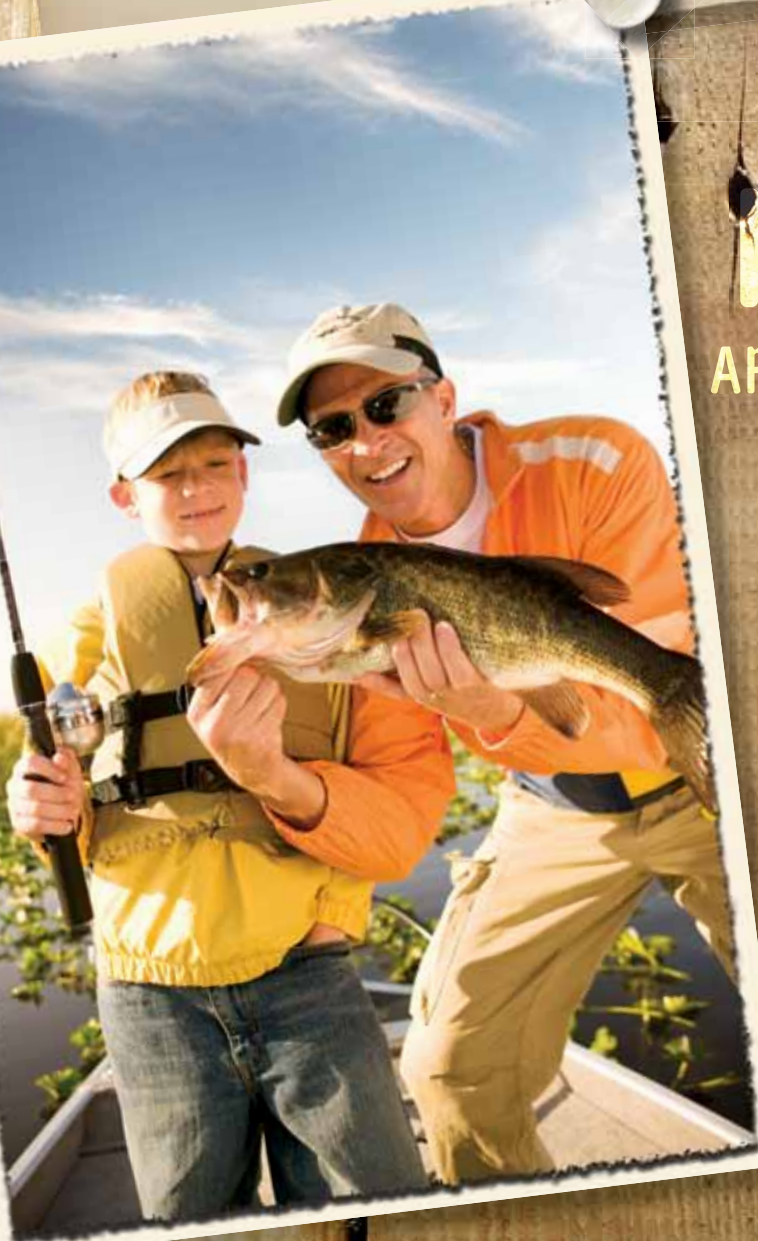


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When INVASIVE SPECIES Move IN  
**SPORT FISH**  
 Move OUT!

*Invasive aquatic species replace native plants and destroy habitat for native fish and sport fish.*



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Georgia Invasive Plant  
 Giant Salvinia (Eichhornia)

**REPORT IT!**

Report infestations of weeds and other invasive species to the appropriate agencies.

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• The estimated damage from invasives worldwide totals \$1.4 trillion—5 percent of the global economy.

• Invasive species and weeds can be transported by wind, water, boats, vehicles, wildlife, and YOU!

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

• Learn to identify aquatic invasive species in your area and be aware of noxious weeds.

• Clean boats, vehicles, animals, and equipment before leaving home and your fishing location.

• Check your waders and other fishing equipment for aquatic hitchhikers.

• Avoid using felt-soled waders.

• Fish in designated waters and travel on established roads and trails.



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## How To Use This Booklet

This booklet contains the information you need to legally fish in Arizona. Please consult regulations carefully before fishing. Regulations differ on many bodies of water, so be sure to follow the steps below before you go fishing:

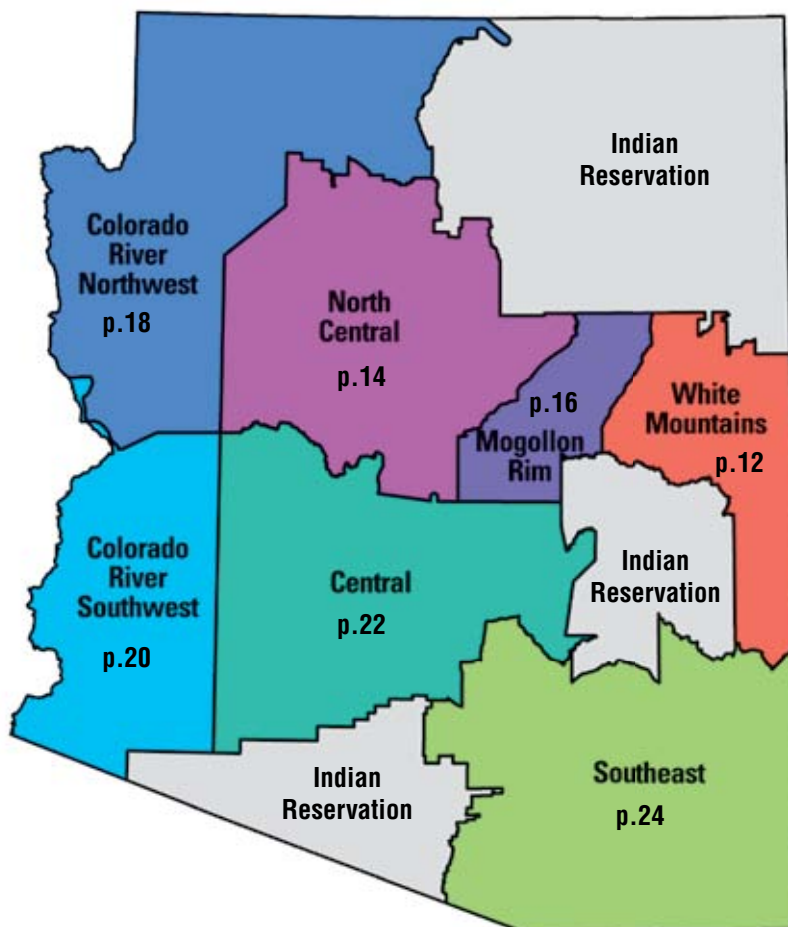
1. Make sure that you have read and are familiar with the information on **General Statewide Regulations** (pages 6–8) concerning the requirements for licenses, stamps, bag and possession limits, gear and bait restrictions, harvest methods and common violations.
2. Review the **General Sport Fish Regulations** (page 6) for information on daily bag and possession limits for each species that applies to all fishing waters statewide.
3. Consult the statewide map, right, to find your public fishing area of interest. Note: **Urban Fishing Program** waters are listed separately on pages 26–27.
4. Locate your fishing area of interest in the **Special Regulations – Fish: Commission Order 40** (pages 12–27). Now look to see if the body of water you will be fishing is listed, then note any **Special Regulations** that apply such as catch limits, length limits, seasons, method of take, bait and hook restrictions, closed areas, or other restrictions. You can also refer to the Special Regulation Waters Index on page 56.
5. If specific references to a body of water, species, catch limits, length limits, seasons, method of take, or other restrictions are not made in the **Special Regulations**, then **General Statewide Regulations** and **General Sport Fishing Seasons** apply.

**It is the angler's responsibility to know what regulations apply to the body of water they are fishing. New or changed regulations for 2011 and 2012 are summarized on page 3.**

## License Information

### License Requirements

- A valid fishing or combination license is required for resident and nonresident anglers 14 years of age or older fishing any public accessible water in Arizona.
- Youth under the age of 14 and blind residents do not need to purchase a state fishing license to fish in Arizona.
- A member of the armed forces who has been stationed in Arizona for a period of 30 days immediately preceeding the date of application for a license may purchase a resident license.
- All required licenses, permits and/or stamps must be in possession while engaging in fishing.
- A valid fishing or combination license is required for take of frogs, waterdogs, crayfish and softshell turtles. See Commission Orders 41 (Amphibians), 42 (Crustaceans and Mollusks) and 43 (Reptiles) on pages 28–29 for regulations on open and closed areas, methods of take, seasons, and bag and possession limits.
- Licenses expire on the date printed or written on them. No license is transferable or refundable.



### Arizona Fishing Licenses Are Not Required When

- Fishing any public water on free fishing days, Saturdays, June 4 and 11, 2011; and June 2 and 9, 2012.
- Registered and participating in a Department sponsored fishing clinic.
- Fishing private waters, tanks, or ponds with permission of the property owner.

### Where to Buy Licenses and Stamps

- 340 license dealers statewide (includes many local sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops, major retailers, and convenience stores)
- Arizona Game and Fish Department offices
- Online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)

**To report wildlife violators, call Operation Game Thief 1 (800) 352-0700.**



## Regulation Changes

- **Note:** All regulation changes take effect Jan. 1, 2011. Check regulation section for changes highlighted as "NEW."

**Becker Lake**, is now catch-and-release only for trout and artificial fly and lure, single barbless hook only; see page 12.

### Colorado River:

*Glen Canyon Dam to Paria riffle – Lees Ferry*, upper size limit has been increased to 14 inches, no limit on sport fish other than rainbow trout see page 18.

Two river reaches and corresponding regulations have been redefined: *Paria Riffle to Navajo Bridge* – 6 rainbow trout/day, 8 in possession, unlimited take of all other sport fish other than rainbow trout, see page 18.

*Navajo Bridge to Separation Canyon including all tributaries within Grand Canyon National Park* – unlimited take of all sport fish, see page 18.

**Roosevelt Lake**, the protected size limit has been removed, no size limits are in effect, statewide bag limits apply, see page 6.

**Saguaro, Canyon, and Apache reservoirs**, the temporary protected size limit has been removed, no size limits are in effect, statewide bag limits apply, see page 6.

**Pena Blanca Lake**, temporary catch-and-release only for bass, all bass must be immediately released unharmed, this regulation is intended to help restore the population and will expire December 31, 2012, see page 24.

**Virgin River**, it is now illegal to use or possess live baitfish, see page 10.

**Redondo Pond**, limits have been reduced to 4 catfish, 4 trout and 10 sunfish, see page 20.

## Online Fishing Information

### [www.azgfd.gov/fishing](http://www.azgfd.gov/fishing)

- **Weekly Fishing Reports** What's biting and where
- **Where To Fish – Interactive Fishing Map**
- **Fishing Pictures** Submit your photos for posting on our website
- **Statewide Trout Stocking Schedule** Seasonal trout stocking schedules are posted showing the week of stocking for over 70 waters
- **Lake Levels and River Flow** Get weekly updates on lake levels and river flows for over 20 locations
- **Urban Fishing Program Stocking Schedule** Weekly fish stocking schedules for the 21 Urban waters are posted
- **Urban Fishing Guidebook** Review or download current Urban Fishing Program regulations and lake information
- **Urban Fishing Lake Maps**
- **Hot Topics** Quagga Mussels, Golden Alga
- **eNEWS** Free online subscription to Fishing Reports, Urban Fishing Bulletin, and more
- **AZ Sportfish Species** Click on pictures of over 25 sport fish
- **Arizona State Fish Records** Listing of the all-time biggest fish caught or released in Arizona
- **Big Fish-of-the-Year Records** Listing of current year's biggest fish
- **Fishing Clinics** Find out about nearby open clinics or sign up to have an instructor teach your group

## More Fishing Resources

### Interactive Fishing Map

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has a computerized interactive fishing hole map of Arizona on its website at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) under "Where To Fish."

- Find Arizona fishing locations in Arizona including images, detailed site and facility information and approximate driving directions.
- Over 170 lake, river and stream locations are included with lists of sport fish species found at each.
- All Urban Fishing Program waters are included with video clips of the area available

### Arizona Fishin' Holes

All anglers will want the revised "Arizona Fishin' Holes" book for this great fishing season – it's been revamped to be more glove-box friendly.

This indispensable angler's companion is updated with the latest information about what species you'll find where. It's also a handy general camping and recreation guide, listing all the amenities at our state's great fishing waters. New tables list GPS coordinates and give Web-friendly contact information.

This informative booklet is just \$8 and is your one-stop source for planning that next family fishing adventure. It's available at all Game and Fish Department offices or online at [www.azgfd.gov/publications](http://www.azgfd.gov/publications).

### Urban Fishing Program Guidebook

The Urban Fishing Program guidebooks are designed to make it easier for anglers of all ages and abilities to figure out what the regulations are, where to fish, when to fish, how to fish, what to fish with, and much more. Major features of the guidebook include: a fish stocking calendar; fishing regulations at a glance; lake and park maps; listings of family-friendly park amenities; a fishing tips section; and a fishing equipment checklist showing you what you need to get started. So pick up a guidebook, grab an extra one to pass on to a friend, and go urban fishing!

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# Fishing License and Stamp Fees

## Licenses and stamps available at all license dealers, Department offices and online

All fishing and combo hunt and fish licenses listed are valid for all aquatic species, including trout, unless otherwise noted.

FISHING LICENSES	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
General Fishing, Class A (valid all species except trout)	\$ 23.50 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 70.25 <sup>1, 7</sup>
Urban Fishing, Class U (includes trout privilege)	\$ 18.50 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 18.50 <sup>2</sup>
Combo Hunt and Fish, Class F (includes trout privilege)	\$ 54.00	\$ 225.75
Youth Combo Hunt and Fish <sup>3</sup> , Class F (includes trout privilege)	\$ 26.50	\$ 26.50
One Day Fishing, Class D (includes trout privilege)	\$ 16.25	\$ 17.25
5 Day Fishing, Class C (includes trout privilege)	not available	\$ 32.00
4 Month Fishing, Class B (includes trout privilege)	not available	\$ 39.75
Super Conservation Fishing, Class L (Class A + Urban + Trout stamp)	\$ 53.00	\$ 63.00 <i>Best Value!</i>
Colorado River Only Fishing, Class E (includes trout privilege)	not available	\$ 48.75
FISHING STAMPS <sup>5</sup> (see page 6)	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Trout Stamp (validates General Fish, Class A, for taking of trout)	\$15.75	\$ 57.75 <sup>7</sup>
Two-Pole Stamp	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Additional Fishing Day Stamp <sup>4</sup>	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00
Colorado River Stamp – California	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Colorado River Stamp – Nevada	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Lake Powell Stamps and Permits	\$ 8.00 <sup>6</sup> (UT Lake Powell Stamp) This stamp is available only from Utah license dealers and validates an Arizona license for Utah portions of Lake Powell.	\$ 3.00 (AZ Lake Powell Stamp) This stamp validates Utah licenses.

### Notes:

- The fee for the Class A license issued in November or December, of the year for which the license is valid, is half price: \$11.75 for residents; \$35.13 for non-residents.
- The fee for the Class U license issued in November or December, of the year for which the license is valid, is half price: \$9.25 for residents and non-residents.
- For youth less than 21 years of age. Youth Combination Hunt and Fish license fees apply before and throughout the calendar year of their 20th birthday.
- This new stamp adds an additional, consecutive day to One Day and Five Day fishing licenses. The stamp (or stamps) must be purchased prior to the expiration of the One Day or Five Day license.
- Includes actual stamps purchased from license dealers or computer-generated stamp privileges issued online or by Game and Fish Department offices.
- To fish the Utah portion of Lake Powell: Arizona residents or nonresidents must purchase a UT Lake Powell stamp. To fish Arizona portions of Lake Powell: Utah residents or nonresidents must purchase an AZ Lake Powell stamp.
- Consider purchasing a Super Conservation Fishing license (Class L) for a better value.

## Licenses available only at Department offices

### LIFETIME LICENSES

Available only to Arizona residents. License valid for lifetime. Fee schedule varies by license type and age. For more information, visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) and type "lifetime license" in the search box.

- General Fishing, Class A – valid all species except trout
- General Hunting, Class G
- Combo Hunt and Fish, Class F – valid all species, including trout
- Trout Stamp – validates Class A for taking of trout
- Wildlife Benefactor – includes Combo Hunt and Fish privileges (includes trout)

### COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES

Must meet criteria to qualify for free license that includes Combo Hunt and Fish and Urban Fishing privileges.

- Pioneer**  
Person must be 70 years of age or older, plus 25 consecutive years as a bona fide Arizona resident immediately preceding application for license.
- Disabled Veteran**  
Person must show certification from the Veteran's Administration confirming permanent service connected disabilities rated as 100% disabling, plus one or more consecutive years as a bona fide Arizona resident immediately preceding application for license.

## Family and Super Fishing and Combination Licenses

The Family and Super Conservation licenses are designed to help you maximize your recreational dollar. See the cost-saving breakdowns below to determine what license packages are best for you.

### FAMILY LICENSES

These are great values for married couples and parents with children under age 18. The first adult pays full license price, a legal spouse receives a 20-percent discount, and license fees are greatly discounted for every child in the immediate family under age 18.

*Eligibility:* Residents only. Licenses may be purchased at Game and

Fish offices and online. Family licenses may be issued to members of an immediate family residing in the same household. Immediate family means one adult, or two adults who are married to each other, and their children under age 18, including adoptive children, stepchildren, foster children, and other children for whom they are legal guardians.

Family License Class	What It Includes	Primary Adult <sup>1</sup>	Legal Spouse	Each Child	Family Of 4 Total Price	Where to Purchase
<b>Fishing (Class I)</b>	General Fish license (A), and Trout Stamp	\$ 36.25 <sup>4</sup>	\$ 29.00 <sup>4</sup>	\$ 2.00 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 69.25 (Save \$62)	Arizona Game and Fish Department offices and online
<b>Combo Hunt and Fish (Class K)</b>	Combo Hunt and Fish license (F)	\$ 54.00	\$ 43.20	\$ 20.00 <sup>3</sup>	\$137.20 (Save \$24)	Arizona Game and Fish Department offices and online

### SUPER CONSERVATION LICENSES

These super package deals combine multiple licenses, stamps and tags to create outstanding values for avid anglers and hunters.

*Eligibility:* Residents and non-residents may purchase Super Conservation Fishing licenses (Class L) at any statewide license dealer, any

Game and Fish office or online. The Super Conservation Hunt and Super Conservation Combination Hunt and Fish licenses (Class N) are available to residents only, and may only be purchased at Game and Fish offices.

Super Conservation License Class	What It Includes	Resident	Non-resident	Where to Purchase
<b>Super Fishing (Class L)</b>	General Fish license (A), Urban Fishing license (U) and Trout Stamp. Good for all waters and all fish species statewide.	\$ 53.00 (Save \$5)	\$ 63.00 (Save \$84)	At Arizona Game and Fish Department offices, license dealers and online
<b>Super Combination Hunt and Fish (Class N)</b>	All Class L Super Conservation fishing privileges and General Hunt license (Class G), Unit 12 A (North Kaibab) Habitat stamp, state waterfowl stamp, state migratory bird stamp, over-the-counter archery deer, archery turkey, fall bear and mountain lion tags.	\$163.00 (Save \$50)	not available	Only at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices

### Notes:

1. A Primary Adult license must be purchased before a spouse or child license can be issued.
2. A Child, for fishing licenses, is defined as at least age 14 but under the age of 18 during the license year.
3. A Child, for hunting and/or combo licenses, is defined as at least age 10 but under 18 during the license year.
4. The fee for the Class I license issued in November or December, of the year for which the license is valid, is \$24.50 for Primary Adult and \$19.60 for Legal Spouse. Child price remains \$2.00.

# Statewide Fishing Regulations

**Open Statewide, Jan. 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2012**

Before you fish any body of water, be certain to review the *General Statewide Regulations* and the *Special Regulations* for the area you intend to fish. **Anglers are responsible for knowing what regulations apply to the body of water they are fishing.** See [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) for up-to-date information including any changes.

STATEWIDE DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
The following are the legal fish and general bag and possession limits that apply to all fishing waters statewide. <b>These regulations apply statewide unless site specific Special Regulations (pages 12–27) apply to that body of water.</b> Statewide includes all state and federal refuges, parks and monuments; <i>open areas do not include any area closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803.</i>		
	LEGAL FISH	DAILY AND POSSESSION BAG LIMITS
See pages 12-27 for site specific Special Regulations.	<b>Trout</b> (includes rainbow, cutthroat, brown, brook and Apache trout; grayling)	<b>6</b> Any combination <b>Note:</b> Unlicensed youth under the age of 14 and unlicensed blind residents may take and possess only 3 trout.
	<b>Bass</b> (including largemouth and smallmouth)	<b>6</b> Any combination
	<b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>Northern Pike</b>	<b>Unlimited</b> Immediate kill or release
	<b>Catfish</b> (including channel and flathead)	<b>25</b> Any combination
	<b>Crappie</b> (white and black)	<b>Unlimited</b>
	<b>White Amur</b> (grass carp)	<b>Unlimited</b>
	<b>Roundtail Chub</b> minimum size 13 inches	<b>1</b>
	<b>Sunfishes</b> (includes bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish and hybrid sunfish)	<b>Unlimited</b>
	<b>All Other Species (except protected native fish):</b> including, but not limited to, white bass, yellow bass, carp, suckers, buffalofish, bullhead, yellow perch and tilapia	<b>Unlimited</b>

## Protected Native Fish

*The following native fish are protected statewide and may not be possessed.*

Beautiful Shiner	Gila Topminnow	Mexican Stoneroller	Woundfin
Bluehead Sucker	Gila Trout	Quitobaquito Pupfish	Yaqui Catfish
Bonytail Chub	Headwater Chub <sup>1</sup>	Razorback Sucker	Yaqui Chub
Colorado Pikeminnow	Humpback Chub	Sonora Chub	Yaqui Topminnow
Desert Pupfish	Little Colorado Sucker	Spikedace	Zuni Bluehead Sucker
Flannelmouth Sucker	Little Colorado Spinedace	Virgin Spinedace	
Gila Chub	Loach Minnow	Virgin Roundtail Chub	

*If any of these protected native fish are incidentally caught, they must be immediately released unharmed. See fish identification section on pages 32–35.*

**1. Except Fossil Creek, see page 14.**



## SPECIAL LICENSES AND STAMPS

**License dealers sell stamps that must be affixed to the back of a valid fishing or combo license and signed. Stamps purchased from Game and Fish Department offices or online are computer-generated stamp privileges that are printed on the fishing license or are issued on a separate license form.**

**Trout Stamp** The Department stocks trout in many selected waters throughout the state. The resident or nonresident trout stamp is required to validate the Class A, general fishing license or lifetime license for all persons who take or attempt to take trout. All other license categories (Class B through U) cover all fish species including trout.

**Two Pole Stamp** The \$6 two-pole stamp is an optional stamp that validates a valid fishing license for simultaneous fishing that is the tak-

ing of fish by no more than two lines (poles) and not to exceed two hooks or two artificial lures or flies per line.

**Additional Fishing Day Stamp** The resident and nonresident additional fishing day stamp(s) can be purchased to extend a Class D One Day or a Class C Five Day license to two or more consecutive fishing days.

**Colorado River Special Use Stamps and Utah Lake Powell Stamps** *Note: Fishing privileges on Colorado River boundary waters common to Arizona and an adjoining state are mutually agreed upon by the two states. It is your responsibility to know which state you are fishing in and the regulations that apply to the waters that you are fishing.*

These stamps are required to validate an Arizona fishing license when fishing from a

boat on any waters that form mutual boundaries between Arizona and California, or Nevada, or when fishing from the California, or Nevada, shorelines of these waters.

A Utah Lake Powell stamp (reciprocal permit) validates only an Arizona fishing license to fish in the Utah portions of Lake Powell. An Arizona Lake Powell stamp validates only a Utah fishing license to fish in the Arizona portions of Lake Powell.

**Lost Your License?** If you lose or damage your license, you can get a replacement at any license dealer, Department office or online. You will be required to complete an "Affidavit for Duplicate License" form and pay a \$4 replacement fee. You will be issued a duplicate license of the same type. Stamps cannot be replaced; they must be repurchased.

## STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS

*This synopsis of fishing regulations is prepared for convenience only. The regulations are valid for two years, 2011 and 2012. For specific laws and regulations relating to fishing, see Arizona Revised Statute, Title 17 Laws, and Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules, most of which are included on pages 49-55.*

### Other Fishing Methods

- See R12-4-313D for other legal methods of take for additional fish species (archery, speargun, etc.) page 54.

### Hook and Line Methods

- Anglers may use only one line or pole with no more than two hooks. An artificial lure is considered one hook.
- The exception to the use of one line or pole is when an angler purchases a two-pole stamp that allows the angler to fish with two poles or lines simultaneously. In no case are more than two lines allowed to be used simultaneously.
- Fishing lines must be constantly attended and in immediate control.
- The hook, fly or lure must be used in such a manner that the fish voluntarily attempts to take it in its mouth.
- For artificial fly and lure waters, check the

*Special Regulations* to determine if hooks must also be barbless or single barbless hook only.

- A single barbless hook is a fish hook with a single point, without barbs on or which barbs have been removed or bent completely closed. Regulations limiting tackle to single barbless hooks do not eliminate the angler's option for simultaneous fishing as defined. Anglers may use a single line with no more than two single hooks, as with a primary hook and a dropper hook or fly.

### Capturing Baitfish and Crayfish for Bait

- Live baitfish may be used only in areas approved for certain species (see page 10).
- Live bait may be taken by minnow trap, dip net, cast net, pole and line, handline, crayfish net or seine.
- Cast nets shall not exceed a 4-foot radius (or an 8-foot diameter).
- Seine nets shall not exceed 10 feet in length and 4 feet in width.
- Landing nets or dip nets may be used for the capture of baitfish or crayfish or only to land a legally hooked fish.
- Any unattended traps or devices used to catch or hold aquatic wildlife or fish must have attached water resistant identification

legibly bearing the name, address, and fishing license number of the person using the device.

- All aquatic wildlife taken incidentally while capturing live bait with nets or traps must be returned immediately and unharmed to the water after being caught.
- All legal baitfish and crayfish caught must be for personal use only and are not to be sold or used for commercial purposes.

### Daily Bag and Possession Limit

- The daily bag limit is the maximum number of fish that may be legally caught and reduced to possession in one day. Once you catch a fish and do not release it, it now counts toward your daily bag limit. This includes any fish you catch and give away to someone else. Daily limits are for 24-hour periods (midnight to midnight). Possession limits are the same as daily limits unless otherwise noted (including waters listed under the *Special Regulations*).
- No person shall have in their possession (in the field, in camp, in transit, or at permanent residence) more than one daily limit of any fish species. Fish are in an angler's possession whether on hand, in cold storage, in transport, at home, or elsewhere under their ownership.

## STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS (continued)

- An angler may take daily limits of several types of fish per day. Daily catch limits apply to all Arizona waters fished that day. An angler who has taken and kept a limit of fish may not continue to fish for the same species that day. Additionally, an angler who has taken and kept a limit of fish may not continue to fish on subsequent days, unless the angler has first consumed or given away all or a portion of the possession limit.
- Where only catch-and-release fishing is allowed, fish must be returned unharmed immediately to the water after being caught.
- Unlicensed youth under the age of 14 and unlicensed blind residents may take and keep only one-half the bag and possession limit of trout established for each water. For all other legal fish species, youth under the age of 14 and blind residents may take their own separate limits as established for each species.

### Closures to Fishing

Some extremely sensitive areas may be permanently closed to fishing, portions of other areas that have sensitive bald eagle breeding seasons may be seasonally closed to fishing (see page 46), and some areas (streams) being actively restored for Apache and Gila trout recovery

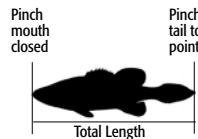
efforts may be temporarily closed to fishing.

### Length Limits

Most fishing waters in Arizona do not have length limits. Check the *Special Regulation* waters (including *Designated Urban Fishing Program* waters) to determine if length limits apply to species found in the water you wish to fish. A minimum length means that a fish shorter than a designated length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. A slot length limit or protected length range means that fish within a designated length range must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught; unless regulations allow one bass in the slot to be kept. Fish that are shorter or longer than the protected length range may be kept.

### How to Measure the Length of a Fish

1. Total length is the standard.
2. Place the fish flat on its side with the jaw closed.
3. Squeeze the tail fin lobes together to produce the maximum total length.



4. Measure in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail.
5. Where length limits apply, you must release unharmed all fish not measuring within the legal length limit.

### Transport and Storage of Fish

- Anglers may transport up to a possession limit of any fish species.
- It is illegal to transport live fish, including in live wells or other containers. All fish must be killed or released before transportation from the body of water. This does not apply to some live baitfish that is transported from licensed bait dealers. See page 10 for *Live Baitfish and Waterdogs Seasons and Regulations*.
- Fish must be transported in a way that they can be counted and species of fish can be identified. All fish must have a piece of skin attached to the carcass or fillets so species can be determined. If minimum, maximum or slot length limits apply to the species, the head, tail and skin must be intact so fish length and species can be determined.

## COMMON VIOLATIONS

It is each angler's responsibility to protect our fishing heritage. You can help ensure responsible and ethical fishing by reporting violations immediately to our **Operation Game Thief hotline 1-800-352-0700**.

### Fish or Take Aquatic Wildlife Without a License or With the Wrong License

In order to fish or take any aquatic wildlife in Arizona, you must have a current year's fishing license, as applicable, in your possession if you are 14 years of age or over. You should check your license every time that you go fishing or collecting. Remember, a general state fishing license is not valid at designated Urban lakes; you must have a valid Class U (urban) or Class L (super conservation fish) fishing license. Conversely, an urban fishing license is not valid at state waters. Urban Fishing Program guidebooks are available at all Game and Fish

offices, license dealers or online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). (A.R.S. 17-331) page 50

### No Trout Stamp

A trout stamp validates a general or lifetime Class A license for the take of trout. This stamp is required for Class A licensees to fish for or possess trout in any water of the state where trout are found. Trout means all species of the family Salmonidae, including grayling. Trout fishing privileges are already included in all other fish and combination licenses (classes B through U). (A.R.S. 17-331) page 50

### Unlawful Angling or Fishing with Two Lines (or Poles) without a Two-Pole Stamp

Angling is defined as "the taking of fish by one line and not to exceed two hooks, or by one line and one artificial lure which may have attached more than one hook, or by one line and not to

exceed two artificial flies or lures." In order to use two lines at once (i.e. simultaneous angling) you must have a current two-pole stamp affixed to the back of your valid fishing license. It is never allowable to fish with more than two lines at once. (A.R.S. 17-301C) page 49

### Fishing with an Unattended Line

Anytime you are fishing your line must be constantly attended and within your immediate control. Before you leave the area, your line must be reeled in and removed from the water. (A.R.S. 17-301C) page 49

### Exceed Bag and/or Possession Limit

Fish may only be taken as prescribed by Commission Order for bag and/or possession limit. Please consult Commission Orders for specifics. After you have caught and kept your daily bag limit, it is illegal to continue to:

## COMMON VIOLATIONS *(continued)*

- Fish for that same species of fish and practice catch-and-release;
- Fish for that same species of fish with the intent of replacing any fish in your bag with a “better fish;” this is also known as culling;
- Fish for that same species of fish with the intent of “helping” another angler get his/her bag limit; or
- Fish for a species of fish if you already have the possession limit for that species (e.g., in an ice chest at camp, or at home in your freezer). (A.R.S. 17-309A15 and 16) page 50

### Possess Unlawfully Taken Aquatic Wildlife

Any aquatic wildlife that is unlawfully taken may not be legally possessed. Whether or not you were involved in the illegal taking of wildlife or fish, you cannot legally possess such parts thereof. (A.R.S. 17-309A17) page 50

### Obtain License or Permit by Fraud

Only persons who have been a bona fide resident (A.R.S. 17-101, page 49) of Arizona for

the previous six months may obtain resident fishing licenses and permits. Factors that may establish residency would include most, if not all of the following: a resident is considered to be someone who primarily or permanently resides in Arizona, possesses an Arizona drivers license and registers their vehicle in Arizona, maintains a home in Arizona, votes in Arizona and pays Arizona resident income taxes. For the purposes of a fishing license, a person cannot be considered a resident of two states at the same time. (A.R.S. 17-341) page 51

### Unlawful Possession, Transportation or Release of Live Fish

Except for designated baitfish, it is illegal for a person to transport live fish away from the waters where caught. It is also illegal to release live fish into a body of water if they did not come from that body of water or without a proper stocking permit. (A.R.S. 17-306 and 17-309A 1, R12-4-315 and R12-4-316) pages 50 and 54

### Littering While Taking Aquatic Wildlife

All anglers are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. All camp and shoreline areas should be left clean. Bait containers, wrappers, hooks, line and associated debris constitute litter and should be picked up, packed out, and properly disposed of. Also, all anglers are responsible for the proper care and disposal of their fish carcasses. Shorelines and waterways must be kept as clean as they were found. (A.R.S. 17-309A9) page 50

### Unlawful Possession or Transportation of Live Crayfish

Except for Yuma County and a portion of La Paz County or under a live wildlife license authority, it is unlawful for a person to import, transport or possess live crayfish other than on or at the body of water where caught. (A.R.S. 17-309A1, R12-4-316) pages 50 and 54

## LICENSE REVOCATION AND CIVIL LIABILITY

### License Revocation

You can have your fishing and hunting license privileges revoked by the Commission for up to five years or more for a conviction of:

- unlawful taking or possession of wildlife (including fish)
- careless use of firearms resulting in human injury or death
- destroying or injuring livestock
- acts of vandalism or littering while hunting or fishing
- unlawful entry into a closed area for purposes of taking wildlife
- unlawful posting of state or federal lands
- license fraud

Such revocations may be recognized by other states that are members of the Interstate Wildlife Compact.

You may also be civilly liable for the loss of wildlife to the state (see below). (A.R.S. 17-340) page 51

### Civil Liability

Under state law (ARS 17-314) anyone who is found to have unlawfully wounded or killed, or unlawfully possessed any of the following wildlife may be subject to civil action by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in the form of recovery of the following minimum sums factoring in the current Consumer Price Index for 2009 (updated annually):

Endangered species (includes fish) .....\$8,000  
Game fish or other aquatic wildlife..... \$50  
(A.R.S. 17-314) page 50

### You May Not:

- Refuse to produce a license or fish for inspection upon request of an enforcement officer.

- Snag or attempt to snag fish except as provided at Alamo Lake and Lake Havasu.
- Attempt to take fish by hand, with or without a hook.
- Use a landing net to capture fish, except to land a legally-hooked fish. Dip or seine nets are only legal for the capture of bait or forage fish.
- Waste game fish by intentionally leaving or abandoning any commonly edible portion of any fish.
- Offer any recreationally caught fish or aquatic wildlife for sale or barter.
- Use electrical devices, explosives, firearms, drugs, chemicals or poison that may kill or injure fish and aquatic wildlife.
- Use or possess live bait in areas or on waters where fishing is restricted to the use of artificial flies and lures only, or where the use of live bait fish is restricted (page 10).



# Live Baitfish and Waterdogs – Legal Areas, Regulations

Live baitfish may be obtained and used only in the legal areas identified below.

Legal baitfish can be obtained from bait dealers and from wild capture for personal use. For information on legal capture methods, possession, and transport of live baitfish, see R12-4-305, 313, and 316 on pages 52, 53 and 54.

Dispose of all unwanted baitfish by burying them on land far from the water.

No live baitfish may be used or possessed while on any waters in Coconino, Navajo, Apache, Pima and Cochise counties. All other counties have specific baitfish regulations by body of water or area.

Waterdogs are *not* considered baitfish. No waterdogs or salamanders may be taken in that portion of Santa Cruz County lying east and south of State

Highway 82 or that portion of Cochise County lying west of the San Pedro River and south of State Highway 82.

## It is illegal

- To release live baitfish into any Arizona waters.
- To use or possess any restricted live baitfish while fishing waters prohibiting use of that baitfish.
- It is illegal to sell live baitfish and waterdogs without a license.
- To keep or harm any game fish or aquatic wildlife incidentally taken while capturing bait with seines, dip nets, traps or cast nets.



### Legal Areas Allowed

**Fathead minnows, threadfin shad, red shiner and mosquitofish** are permitted on all waters of the counties of La Paz, Maricopa, Pinal and Yuma. These baitfish may be used in all waters of Mohave County **except the Virgin River**. No waters of any other counties are open **except**: 1) the mainstream portions of the Gila and Salt rivers, and that portion of the Verde River below the Tuzigoot Bridge, including impounded reservoirs, 2) Tonto Creek from Gisela downstream, 3) those portions of Apache, Roosevelt, Pleasant and Horseshoe Lakes lying outside of these counties, and 4) that portion of the San Francisco River in Greenlee County. **Notes:** Live baitfish may not be transported to the Verde River upstream from Horseshoe Dam and the Salt River above the Roosevelt Diversion Dam in Gila County. Threadfin shad are permitted for use at Patagonia Lake in Santa Cruz County.



*Fathead minnow*



*Threadfin shad*



*Red shiner*

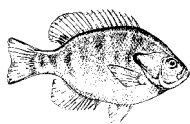


*Mosquitofish*



### Legal Areas Allowed

**Sunfishes** are permitted on all waters of the counties of La Paz and Yuma. No waters of any other counties are open **except**: 1) the Colorado River south of the Nevada-California boundary downstream to the Southern International Boundary with Mexico, including impounded reservoirs, 2) the Gila, Salt, and Verde rivers, including impounded reservoirs, 3) urban waters in Maricopa County, 4) Lake Pleasant, 5) Alamo Lake, and 6) Patagonia Lake. **Notes:** Live baitfish may not be transported to the Verde River upstream from Horseshoe Dam and the Salt River above the Roosevelt Diversion Dam in Gila County. Live baitfish species (sunfish, carp and tilapia) may be collected on site only. Fish may not be transported to or from these waters.

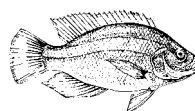


*Sunfishes (includes bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish, and hybrid sunfish)*



### Legal Areas Allowed

**Tilapia** are permitted on all waters of Yuma County. No waters of any other counties are open **except**: 1) waters in La Paz County located west of Highway 95 and south of Interstate 10, and 2) the Colorado River from the Palo Verde Diversion Dam downstream to the Southern International Boundary with Mexico, including impounded reservoirs. **Note:** Live baitfish species (sunfish, carp and tilapia) may be collected on site only. Fish may not be transported to or from these waters.



*Tilapia*



### Legal Areas Allowed

**Golden shiner and goldfish** are permitted on all waters of the counties of La Paz and Yuma. No waters of any other counties are open **except**: 1) Lake Mead, and 2) the Colorado River downstream from Hoover Dam to the Southern International Boundary with Mexico, including impounded reservoirs, and 3) Alamo Lake.



*Golden Shiner*



*Goldfish*



### Legal Areas Allowed

**Carp** are permitted on all waters of the counties of La Paz and Yuma. No waters of any other counties are open **except**: 1) Lake Mead, 2) the Colorado River downstream from Hoover Dam to the Southern International Boundary with Mexico, including impounded reservoirs, 3) the Gila, Salt, and Verde rivers, including impounded reservoirs, 4) urban waters in Maricopa County, 5) Lake Pleasant, and 6) Alamo Lake.



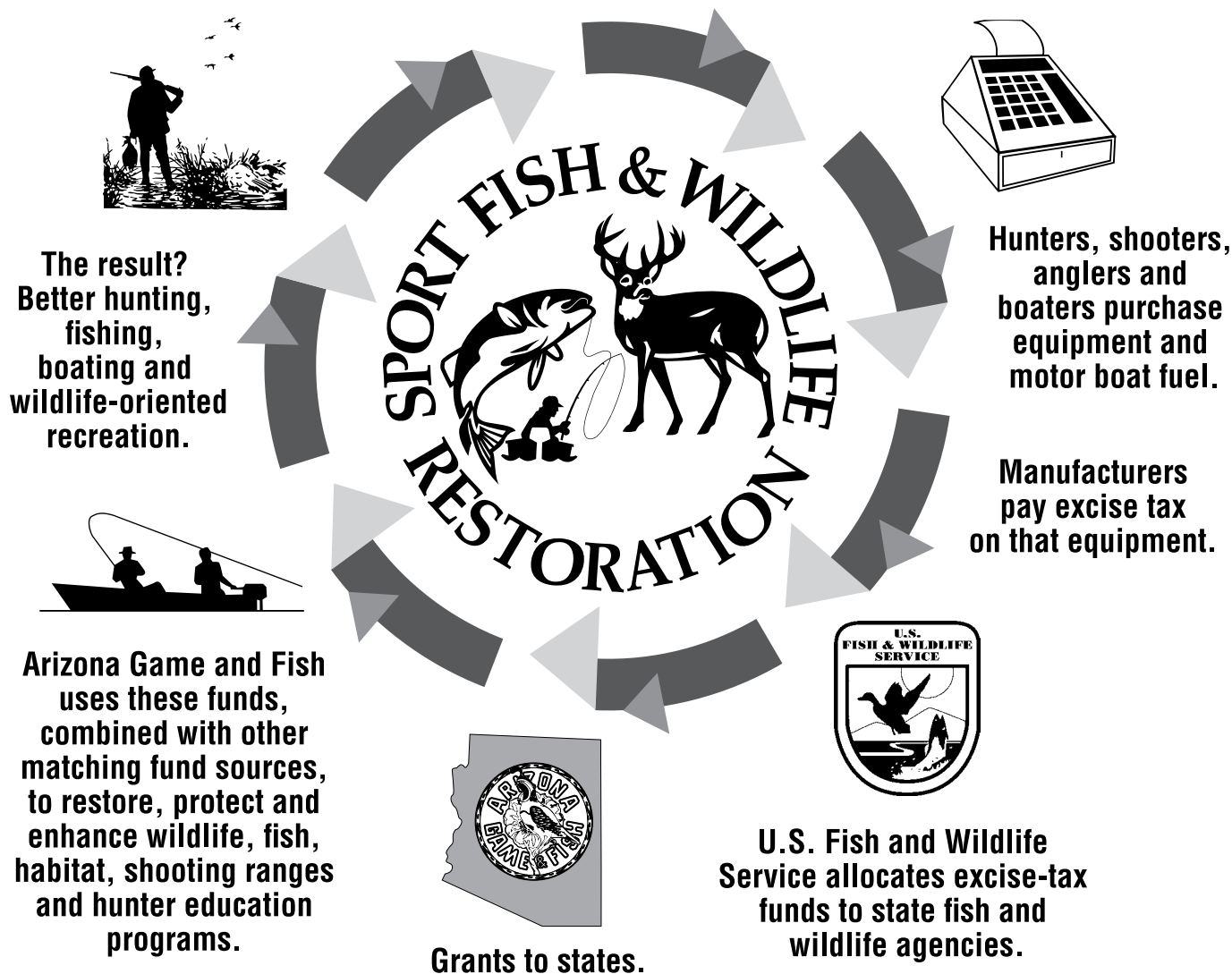
*Carp*

**Notes:** Live baitfish may not be transported to the Verde River upstream from Horseshoe Dam and the Salt River above the Roosevelt Diversion Dam in Gila County. Live baitfish species (sunfish, carp and tilapia) may be collected on site only. Fish may not be transported to or from these waters.

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# Special Regulations and Seasons – Fish: Commission Order 40

The following bodies of water identified under Special Regulations and Seasons (pages 12–27) have special fishing seasons (R12-4-317), bag and possession limits, size limits or closures that differ from General Statewide Regulations (pages 6–8) or Statewide Daily Bag and Possession Limits (page 6). Only exceptions to General Statewide Regulations and General Sport Fishing Seasons are shown for each area. Unlicensed blind residents and youth under the age of 14 may take only one-half the legal limit of trout for each body of water listed.

## White Mountains

*Special Regulations* include fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, size limits, bait and hook restrictions, legal methods, and waters and areas closed to fishing.

### Notes:

1. *General Statewide Regulations* apply to all waters and fish species within the White Mountains area except as listed below.
2. For each water listed, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit, unless a different possession limit is specified.

**Ackre Lake** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only.

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**Becker Lake** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Burro Creek** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only.

**Carnero Lake** The limit is 2 trout; artificial fly and lure only; barbless hooks only.

**Coyote Creek** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Home Creek** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Lee Valley Lake** The limit is 2 trout (includes any combination of trout and grayling), minimum size 12 inches; artificial fly and lure only.

**Mamie Creek** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Nelson Reservoir** Unlimited rainbow and brown trout from Sept. 1 through March 31. Note: from April 1 through Aug. 31 the limit is 6 trout.

**Nutriso Creek** From its confluence with the Little Colorado River upstream to Highway 180 in the city of Nutriso including Nelson Reservoir. Unlimited rainbow and brown trout from Sept. 1 through March 31. Note: from April 1 through Aug. 31 the limit is 6 trout.

**Silver Creek** In Navajo County within the boundaries of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission-owned property, excluding the portion designated as state fish hatchery. Catch-and-release only for trout from Oct. 1 through March 31. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; barbless hooks only. Note: from April 1 through Sept. 30 bait and barbed hooks may also be used, and the limit is 6 trout.

**Thompson Creek** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be im-

mediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only.

**West Fork of the Black River** From the confluence of Hayground Creek upstream to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation including tributaries. Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only.

**Wildcat Creek** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Woodland Lake** The limit is 4 trout.

## Waters and Areas Closed to Fishing

- **Region I headquarters** in Pinetop Posted boundary.
- **State or federal hatcheries** Posted boundaries.

### Apache Trout Recovery Closures

- **Bear Wallow Creek** In Greenlee County
- **Conklin Creek** In Greenlee County
- **East Fork Little Colorado River** Upper portion upstream of Colter Dam in Apache County.
- **Fish Creek** Includes tributaries **Double Cienega** and **Corduero creeks** in Greenlee County (excludes Ackre Lake).
- **Hayground Creek** In Apache County
- **Lee Valley Creek** Above Lee Valley Lake.
- **Mineral Creek** In Apache County, upstream of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests boundary.
- **Raspberry Creek** In Greenlee County
- **Soldier Creek** In Apache County
- **South Fork Little Colorado River** In Apache County
- **Stinky Creek** In Apache County
- **West Fork of the Black River** From the upper Apache trout barrier ¼ mile below Forest Service Road 116, downstream to a point 100 yards below the lower Apache trout barrier in Apache County.

**NOTE:** Other seasonal closures may be in effect within some areas due to bald eagle breeding closures and/or Wildlife Area closures. See page 46 for information on **Becker Lake**, **Greer Lakes (Tunnel, Bunch and River)** and **Luna Lake**.

## Live Baitfish Regulations

No live baitfish may be used or in possession on any waters in this fishing area in Navajo or Apache Counties, no exceptions. See page 10.

## Watercraft and Motor Restrictions

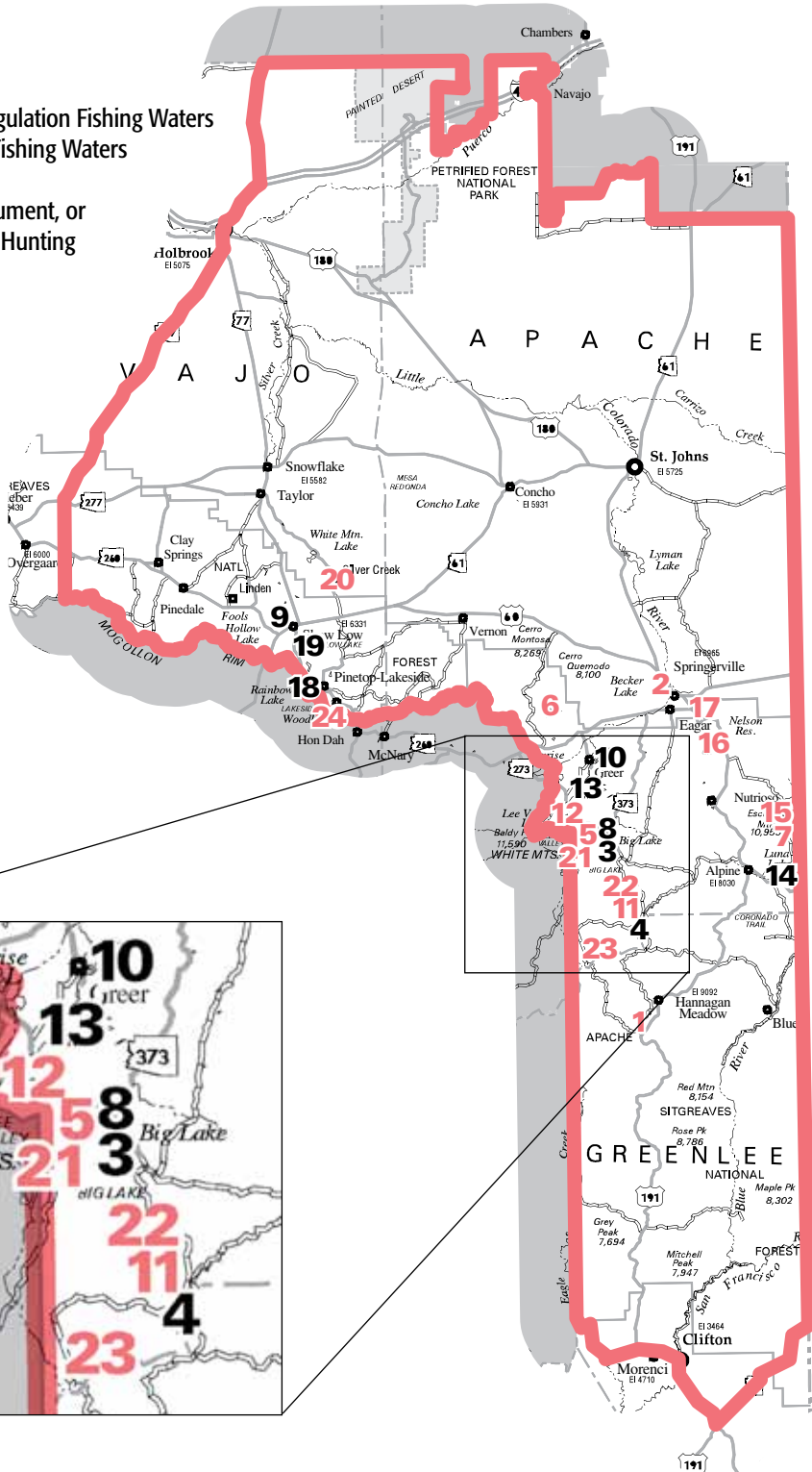
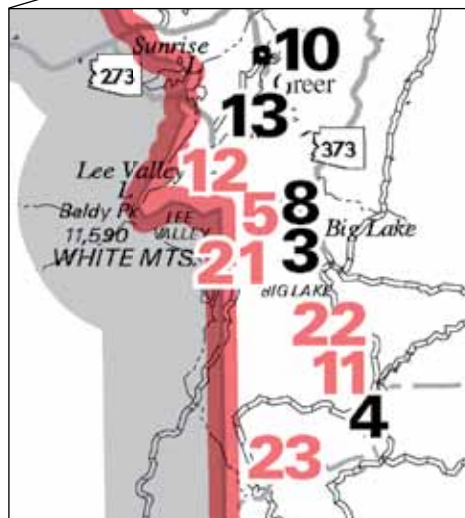
The use of watercraft and motors may be restricted on some waters within this fishing area. Please refer to the list of restricted waters found on page 31.



## Fishing Waters – White Mountains

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| <b>1</b> Ackre Lake                             | <b>21</b> Thompson Creek               |
| <b>2</b> Becker Lake                            | <b>22</b> West Fork of the Black River |
| <b>3</b> Big Lake                               | <b>23</b> Wildcat Creek                |
| <b>4</b> Black River                            | <b>24</b> Woodland Lake                |
| <b>5</b> Burro Creek                            |  |
| <b>6</b> Carnero Lake                           |  |
| <b>7</b> Coyote Creek                           |  |
| <b>8</b> Crescent Lake                          |  |
| <b>9</b> Fool Hollow Lake                       |  |
| <b>10</b> Greer Lakes (Tunnel, Bunch and River) |  |
| <b>11</b> Home Creek                            |  |
| <b>12</b> Lee Valley Lake                       |  |
| <b>13</b> Little Colorado River                 |  |
| <b>14</b> Luna Lake                             |  |
| <b>15</b> Mamie Creek                           |  |
| <b>16</b> Nelson Reservoir                      |  |
| <b>17</b> Nutrioso Creek                        |  |
| <b>18</b> Rainbow Lake                          |  |
| <b>19</b> Show Low Lake                         |  |
| <b>20</b> Silver Creek                          |  |

- 00** Popular General Regulation Fishing Waters  
**00** Special Regulation Fishing Waters  
 ■ Indian Reservation  
 ■ National Park, Monument, or Memorial Closed to Hunting



## North Central

*Special Regulations* include fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, size limits, bait and hook restrictions, legal methods, and waters and areas closed to fishing.

### Notes:

1. *General Statewide Regulations* apply to all waters and fish species within the North Central area *except* as listed below.
2. For each water listed, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit, unless a different possession limit is specified.

**Beaver Creek (Wet and Dry)** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**City Reservoir** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 2 bass 13 inch minimum size; the limit is 4 channel catfish; the limit is 5 sunfish.

**Dead Horse State Park Lagoons** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 2 bass; the limit is 4 catfish; the limit is 10 sunfish.

**East Verde River** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Elk Tank** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Fain Lake** The limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**Fossil Creek, Middle Reach** Seasonally, from the first Saturday in October through April 30, fishing is allowed between the waterfall located approximately 1 mile above the Flume Trailhead parking lot along FS 708 and the downstream-most power line crossing (immediately below Sally May Wash). Catch-and-release only for roundtail chub and headwater chub. Roundtail chub and headwater chub must be immediately released unharmed; no chub may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Francis Short Pond** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 2 bass minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 4 catfish; the limit is 5 sunfish.

**Granite Basin Lake** The limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**J.D. Dam Lake** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Lake Mary, Lower** The limit is 4 channel catfish.

**Middle Tank** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

### Oak Creek

- Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.
- *Between Junipine Crossing and Call-of-the-Canyon Crossing spanning the confluence of Oak Creek, and West Fork Oak Creeks.* Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Oak Creek, West Fork** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Perkins Tank** Catch-and-release only for trout. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only.

**Sante Fe Reservoir** The limit is 4 channel catfish.

**Stone Dam Lake** The limit is 2 bass minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 4 catfish.

**Verde River and its tributaries** *Downstream from Granite Creek to Horseshoe Dam* Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**West Clear Creek** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

### Waters and Areas Closed to Fishing

- **Fossil Creek** In Yavapai County; except for the 4.5 mile middle reach portion during open season and open area as described under **Fossil Creek, Middle Reach** Special Regulation/Season language opposite column.
- **Gap Creek** *between Honeymoon Cabin and its confluence with the Verde River.*
- **Grapevine Creek** in Yavapai County
- **Lake Mary, Upper** Posted area immediately above the dam.
- **State or federal hatcheries** Posted boundaries.

**NOTE:** Other seasonal closures may be in effect within some areas due to bald eagle breeding closures and/or Wildlife Area closures. See page 46 for information on **Lower Lake Mary, Lynx Lake** and **Verde River**.

### Live Baitfish Regulations

No live baitfish may be used or in possession on any waters in Coconino County, no exceptions. For waters in other counties within this fishing area, see page 10.

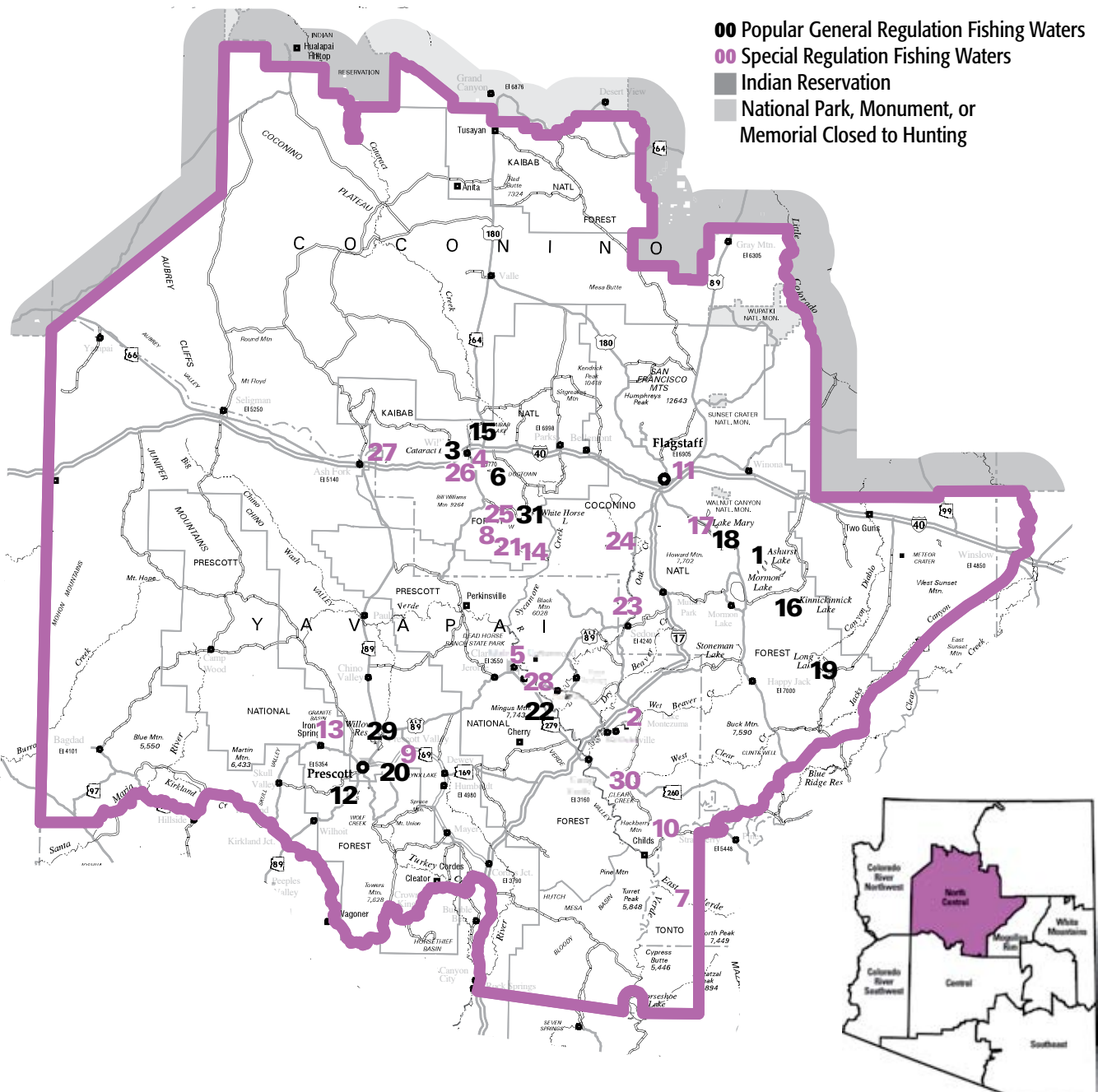
### Watercraft and Motor Restrictions

The use of watercraft and motors may be restricted on some waters within this fishing area. Please refer to the list of restricted waters found on page 31.

# Fishing Waters – North Central

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| <b>1</b> Ashurst Lake                  | <b>8</b> Elk Tank            | <b>16</b> Kinnikinick Lake | <b>24</b> Oak Creek, West Fork    |
| <b>2</b> Beaver Creek, Wet and Dry     | <b>9</b> Fain Lake           | <b>17</b> Lake Mary, Lower | <b>25</b> Perkins Tank            |
| <b>3</b> Cataract Lake                 | <b>10</b> Fossil Creek       | <b>18</b> Lake Mary, Upper | <b>26</b> Santa Fe Reservoir      |
| <b>4</b> City Reservoir                | <b>11</b> Francis Short Pond | <b>19</b> Long Lake        | <b>27</b> Stone Dam Lake          |
| <b>5</b> Dead Horse State Park Lagoons | <b>12</b> Goldwater Lake     | <b>20</b> Lynx Lake        | <b>28</b> Verde River             |
| <b>6</b> Dogtown Reservoir             | <b>13</b> Granite Basin Lake | <b>21</b> Middle Tank      | <b>29</b> Watson and Willow lakes |
| <b>7</b> East Verde River              | <b>14</b> J.D. Dam Lake      | <b>22</b> Mingus Lake      | <b>30</b> West Clear Creek        |
|  | <b>15</b> Kaibab Lake        | <b>23</b> Oak Creek        | <b>31</b> Whitehorse Lake         |

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## Mogollon Rim

*Special Regulations* include fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, size limits, bait and hook restrictions, legal methods, and waters and areas closed to fishing.

### Notes:

1. *General Statewide Regulations* apply to all waters and fish species within the Mogollon Rim area *except* as listed below.
2. For each water listed, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit, unless a different possession limit is specified.

**All waters within the city park systems of Payson** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**Bear Canyon Lake** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Black Canyon Lake** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**CC Cragin Reservoir (Blue Ridge Reservoir)** Unlimited rainbow and brown trout from Sept. 1 through March 31. Note: from April 1 through Aug. 31 the limit is 6 trout. Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

#### Canyon Creek

- *From the creek source to the O.W. Bridge.* The limit is 4 trout.
- *From the O.W. Bridge to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.* Catch-and-release only for trout; Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only.

**Chevelon Creek** *In Coconino and Navajo counties downstream from Chevelon Crossing to the Little Colorado River.* Unlimited rainbow and brown trout from Sept. 1 through March 31. Note: from April 1 through Aug. 31 the limit is 6 trout.

**Chevelon Lake** Trout between 10 and 14 inches may not be possessed; the limit is 6 trout; artificial fly and lure only. Trout taken from Chevelon Lake shall be killed and retained as part of the bag limit or immediately released. Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**East Clear Creek** *In Coconino and Navajo counties and its tributaries upstream from the confluence of East Clear Creek and Willow Creek including Blue Ridge and Knoll reservoirs.* Unlimited rainbow and brown trout from Sept. 1 through March 31. Note: from April 1 through Aug. 31 the limit is 6 trout.

**East Verde River** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Green Valley Park Lakes (Town of Payson)** See Designated Urban Fishing Lake Regulations, pages 26–27.

**Knoll Lake** Unlimited rainbow and brown trout from Sept. 1 through March 31. Note: from April 1 through Aug. 31 the limit is 6 trout. Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Long Tom Lake** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Willow Springs Lake** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Woods Canyon Lake** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

### Waters and Areas Closed to Fishing

- **State or federal hatcheries** Posted boundaries.
- **Dude Creek** In Gila County.

**NOTE:** Other seasonal closures may be in effect within some areas due to bald eagle breeding closures and/or Wildlife Area closures. See page 46 for information on **Tonto Creek** and **Woods Canyon Lake**.

### Live Baitfish Regulations

No live baitfish may be used or in possession on any waters in Navajo or Coconino Counties, no exceptions. For waters in other counties within this fishing area, see page 10.

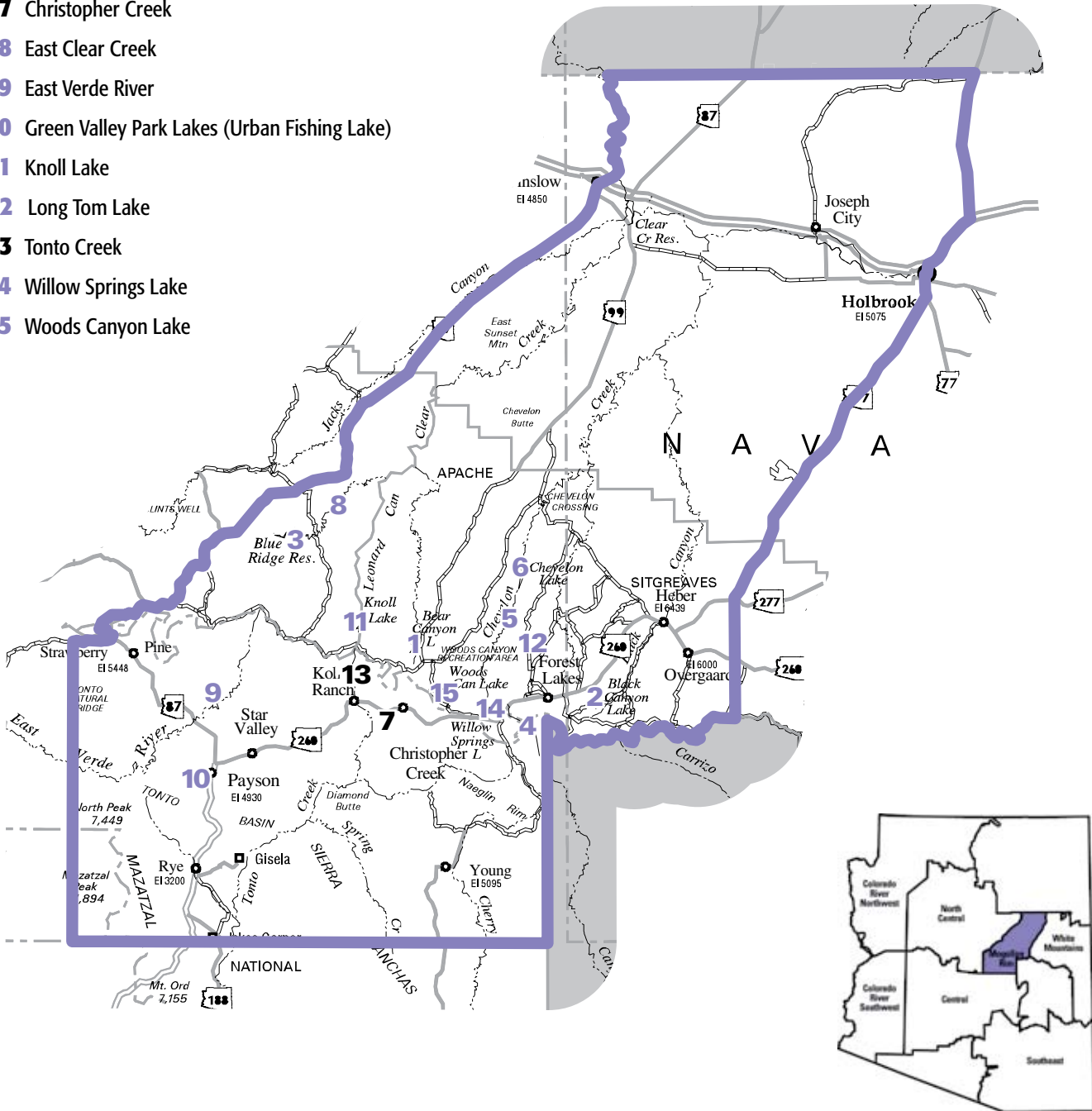
### Watercraft and Motor Restrictions

The use of watercraft and motors may be restricted on some waters within this fishing area. Please refer to the list of restricted waters found on page 31.

## Fishing Waters – Mogollon Rim

- 1 Bear Canyon Lake
- 2 Black Canyon Lake
- 3 CC Cragin Reservoir (Blue Ridge Reservoir)
- 4 Canyon Creek
- 5 Chevelon Creek
- 6 Chevelon Lake
- 7 Christopher Creek
- 8 East Clear Creek
- 9 East Verde River
- 10 Green Valley Park Lakes (Urban Fishing Lake)
- 11 Knoll Lake
- 12 Long Tom Lake
- 13 Tonto Creek
- 14 Willow Springs Lake
- 15 Woods Canyon Lake

- 00 Popular General Regulation Fishing Waters
- 00 Special Regulation Fishing Waters
- Indian Reservation
- National Park, Monument, or Memorial Closed to Hunting



## Colorado River Northwest

*Special Regulations* include fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, size limits, bait and hook restrictions, legal methods, and waters and areas closed to fishing.

### Notes:

1. *General Statewide Regulations* apply to all waters and fish species within the Colorado River Northwest area *except* as listed below.
2. For each water listed, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit, unless a different possession limit is specified.

**Bright Angel Creek** Unlimited trout; unlimited striped bass; unlimited catfish. Trout taken at Bright Angel Creek shall be killed and retained as part of the bag limit or immediately released.

### Colorado River

NEW

- *From Glen Canyon Dam to the beginning of the Paria riffle (Lees Ferry).* Rainbow trout over 14 inches may not be possessed. The limit is 4 rainbow trout per day and 8 rainbow trout in possession; artificial fly and lure only; barbless hooks only. Rainbow trout taken from this portion of the Colorado River shall be killed and retained as part of the bag limit or immediately released; there is no limit on other sport fish species which includes all species of bass (including sunfish and stripers), all species of catfish, all species of trout other than rainbow trout, and walleye.

NEW

- *From the beginning of the Paria riffle to Navajo Bridge, including all tributaries.* The limit is 6 rainbow trout per day and 8 rainbow trout in possession. Rainbow trout taken from this portion of the Colorado River shall be killed and retained as part of the bag limit or immediately released; there is no limit on other sport fish species which includes all species of bass (including sunfish and stripers), all species of catfish, all species of trout other than rainbow trout, and walleye.

NEW

- *From Navajo Bridge to Separation Canyon, including all tributaries within the Grand Canyon National Park.* There is no limit on sport fish species which includes all species of bass (including sunfish and stripers), all species of catfish, all species of trout, and walleye.

- *From Separation Canyon to Hoover Dam (including Lake Mead).* The limit is 5 trout; the limit is 20 striped bass 20 inches in length or larger; unlimited for striped bass under 20 inches in length; the limit is 15 crappie.

- *From Hoover Dam to Davis Dam (including Lake Mohave and Willow Beach).* The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 20 for striped bass 20 inches in length or larger; unlimited for striped bass under 20 inches in length; striped bass may be taken by spear or spear gun from that portion of the lake between Hoover Dam and Cottonwood Landing.

- *From Davis Dam to the California-Nevada boundary.* The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches.

- *From the California-Nevada boundary to I-40 bridge.* The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 10 catfish in any combination; the limit is 25 crappie.

**Lake Powell** The limit is 20 for smallmouth bass and 5 for large-mouth bass; unlimited for striped bass; the limit is 10 walleye; the limit is 10 crappie. Carp may be taken by spearfishing and bow and arrow during daylight hours. Striped bass may also be taken by spearfishing during daylight hours.

**Lake Mead** The limit is 5 trout; the limit is 20 striped bass 20 inches in length or larger; unlimited for striped bass under 20 inches in length; striped bass may be taken by spear or spear gun; the limit is 15 crappie.

**Lake Mohave** The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 20 for striped bass 20 inches in length or larger; unlimited for striped bass under 20 inches in length; striped bass may be taken by spear or spear gun from that portion of the lake between Hoover Dam and Cottonwood Landing; the limit is 15 crappie.

**Topock Marsh** The limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 25 crappie.

**Virgin River** Unlimited bass; unlimited catfish.

### Waters and Areas Closed to Fishing

- **Colorado River** (those portions listed below)

- Posted areas immediately below Glen Canyon Dam (Lake Powell).
- One-half mile upstream and one-half mile downstream from its confluence with the Little Colorado River.
- Posted areas immediately below Davis Dam (Lake Mohave).

- **Lake Mead** Posted portions and the area immediately above Hoover Dam.

- **Little Colorado River** That portion lying within the Grand Canyon National Park.

- **State or federal hatcheries** Posted boundaries.

### Live Baitfish Regulations

No live baitfish may be used or in possession on any waters in Coconino County, no exceptions. For waters in other counties within this fishing area, see page 10.

### Watercraft and Motor Restrictions

The use of watercraft and motors may be restricted on some waters within this fishing area. Please refer to the list of restricted waters found on page 31.

### Colorado River Special Use Stamps

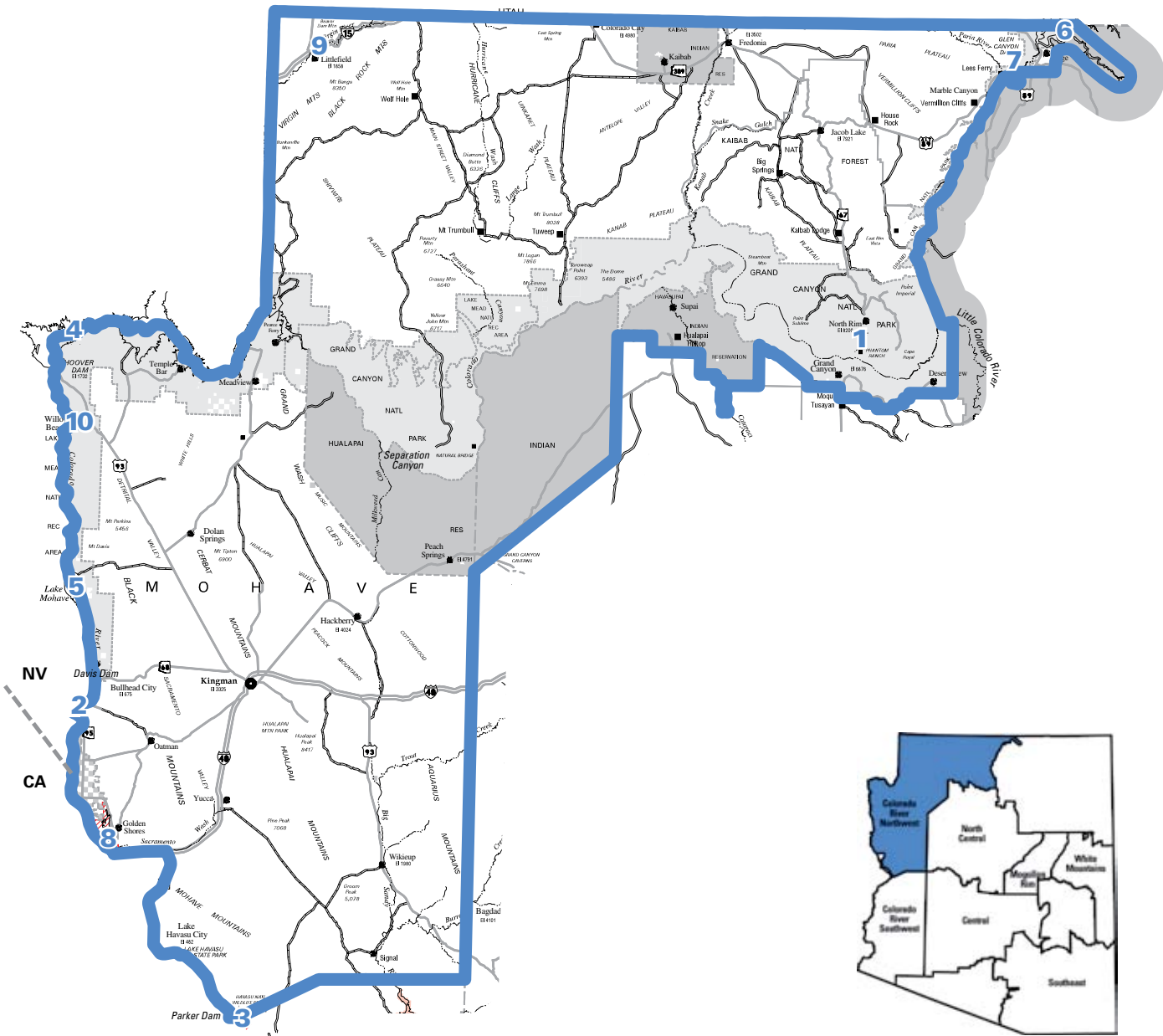
Colorado River Special Use Stamps are required when fishing from a boat on waters that form mutual boundaries between Arizona and California or Nevada or when fishing from the shorelines of those states. A Utah Lake Powell Stamp (reciprocal permit) allows an Arizona resident licensee to fish the Utah portion of Lake Powell. An Arizona Lake Powell Stamp allows a Utah resident licensee to fish the Arizona portion of Lake Powell. See pages 4 and 7. (See also A.R.S. 17-342 and R12-4-312 on pages 51 and 53.)



## Fishing Waters – Colorado River Northwest

- 1** Bright Angel Creek
- 2** Colorado River below Davis Dam
- 3** Lake Havasu (see page 20)
- 4** Lake Mead
- 5** Lake Mohave
- 6** Lake Powell
- 7** Lees Ferry on Colorado River
- 8** Topock Marsh
- 9** Virgin River
- 10** Willow Beach on Colorado River

- 00** Popular General Regulation Fishing Waters
- 00** Special Regulation Fishing Waters
- Indian Reservation
- National Park, Monument, or Memorial Closed to Hunting
- National Wildlife Refuge



NOTE: For Lake Havasu information, see page 20.

## Colorado River Southwest

*Special Regulations* include fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, size limits, bait and hook restrictions, legal methods, and waters and areas closed to fishing.

### Notes:

1. *General Statewide Regulations* apply to all waters and fish species within the Colorado River Southwest area *except* as listed below.
2. For each water listed, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit, unless a different possession limit is specified.

**Alamo Lake** The limit is 6 bass; of which no more than 1 bass between 13 and 16 inches (protected slot limit) in length may be in possession. Snagging of carp and tilapia allowed in January, February, and December (see R12-4-313, page 54).

### Colorado River

- *From I-40 bridge to Parker Dam.* The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 10 catfish in any combination; the limit is 25 crappie.
- *From Parker Dam to Morelos Dam (**Parker Strip**).* The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 10 catfish in any combination; the limit is 25 crappie.
- *From Morelos Dam to the Southern International Boundary (**Yuma Area**).* The limit is 10 catfish in any combination; the limit is 25 crappie.

**Fortuna Pond** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 2 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination; the limit is 10 sunfish.

**Growler Pond** The limit is 2 bass, minimum size 13 inches.

**Lake Havasu** The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 10 catfish any combination; the limit is 25 crappie. Snagging for carp, tilapia, and shad is allowed from Jan. 1 through March 31, and from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

**Martinez Lake** The limit is 10 trout; the limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 10 catfish in any combination; the limit is 25 crappie.

**Mittry Lake** The limit is 6 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 25 crappie.

**Quigley Pond** The limit is 2 bass, minimum size 13 inches.

**Redondo Pond** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 2 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination; the limit is 10 sunfish. *NEW*

**Canals in Yuma County** Catch-and-release only for white amur. White amur must be immediately released unharmed; no white amur may be kept. Note: White amur are similar to, and can be mistaken for, common carp. Bow hunters should use caution and not shoot white amur.

**Yuma West Wetlands Pond** The limit is 2 trout; the limit is 1 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 2 catfish; and the limit is 5 sunfish.

### Waters and Areas Closed to Fishing

- **Alamo Lake** Posted area immediately above the dam.
- **Cibola Lake** From the first Monday in Sept. (Labor Day) through March 15.
- **Lake Havasu** Posted portions.
- **Martinez Lake** Posted portions from Oct. 1 through March 1.
- **Mittry Lake** Posted portions Nov. 15 through Feb. 15.
- **Spawning Pond Number 1 and Number 2** *Located along the Salinity Canal north of Yuma.* Posted.

**NOTE:** Other seasonal closures may be in effect within some areas due to bald eagle breeding closures and/or Wildlife Area closures. See page 46 for information on **Alamo Lake**.

### Live Baitfish Regulations

See page 10 for details.

### Watercraft and Motor Restrictions

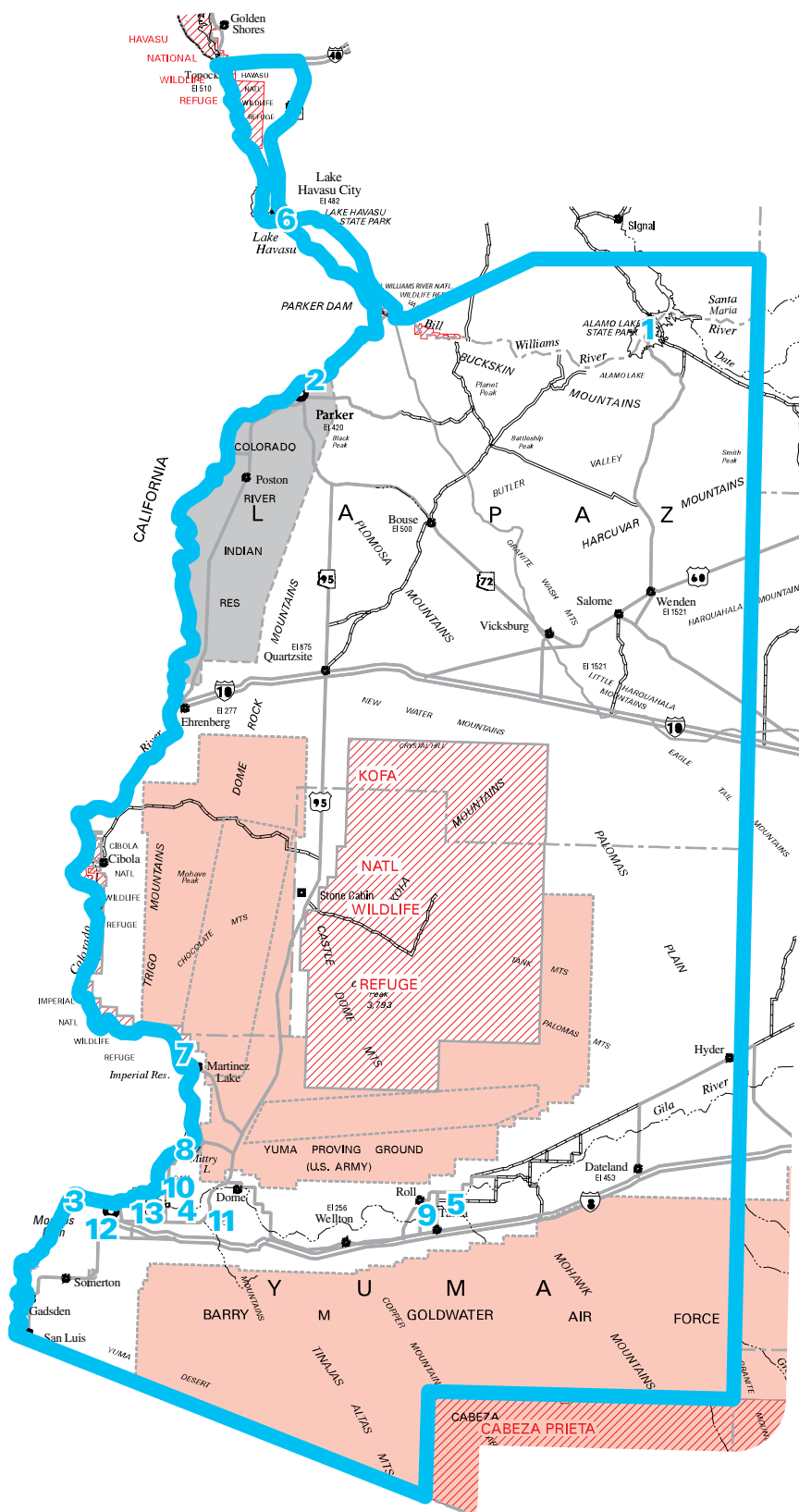
The use of watercraft and motors may be restricted on some waters within this fishing area. Please refer to the list of restricted waters found on page 31.

### Colorado River Special Use Stamps

Colorado River Special Use Stamps are required when fishing from a boat on waters that form mutual boundaries between Arizona and California or when fishing from the California shorelines of these waters. See pages 4 and 7. (See also A.R.S. 17-342 and R12-4-312 on pages 51 and 53.)

# Fishing Waters – Colorado River Southwest

- 1 Alamo Lake
- 2 Colorado River – Parker Strip
- 3 Colorado River – Yuma area
- 4 Fortuna Pond
- 5 Growler Pond
- 6 Lake Havasu
- 7 Martinez Lake
- 8 Mittry Lake
- 9 Quigley Pond
- 10 Redondo Pond
- 11 Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District Canal System
- 12 Yuma County Water Users' Association Canal System
- 13 Yuma West Wetlands Pond
- 00 Popular General Regulation Fishing Waters
- 00 Special Regulation Fishing Waters
- Indian Reservation
- National Park, Monument, or Memorial Closed to Hunting
- Military Range or Proving Ground
- National Wildlife Refuge





## Central

*Special Regulations* include fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, size limits, bait and hook restrictions, legal methods, and waters and areas closed to fishing.

### Notes:

1. *General Statewide Regulations* apply to all waters and fish species within the Central area *except* as listed below.
2. For each water listed, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit, unless a different possession limit is specified.

**Crystal Gardens Water Treatment Facility** (city of Avondale, 17 lake complex) Catch-and-release only for all resident fish species. All fish must be immediately released unharmed; single barbless hooks only. *Note: Urban license not valid; the city of Avondale requests that anglers use artificial flies and lures, and not use any prepared baits with the exception of worms.*

**Horseshoe Lake** Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Lake Pleasant** Unlimited for striped bass; striped bass may be taken by spear or spear gun.

**Maricopa Lake** (city of Youngtown) The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 4 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination. *Note: Urban license not valid.*

**Salt River (Upper)** From Roosevelt Diversion Dam upstream to the boundary junction of the San Carlos and Fort Apache Indian Reservations. Unlimited smallmouth and largemouth bass; unlimited channel and flathead catfish.

**Salt River Project Canal System** (135 miles of canals) Catch-and-release only for white amur. White amur must be immediately released unharmed; no white amur may be kept.

**Tempe Town Lake** (city of Tempe) The limit is 4 trout (2 for unlicensed anglers under the age of 14); the limit is 4 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination; and the limit is 10 sunfish in any combination. *Note: Urban license not valid.*

**The Pond at Town Hall** (town of Gilbert) Catch-and-release only for all resident fish species. All fish must be immediately released unharmed; artificial fly and lure only; barbless hooks only. *Note: Urban license not valid.*

**All waters not in the Urban Fishing Program, but within the city park systems of Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, Glendale, Youngtown, Litchfield Park, Chandler, and Gilbert.**

The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**Designated Urban Fishing Program waters** See *designated urban fishing lake and pond regulations on pages 26–27.*

- **Alvord Lake** at Cesar Chavez Park (city of Phoenix)
- **Evelyn Hallman Pond** (city of Tempe)
- **Chaparral Park Lake** (city of Scottsdale)
- **Cortez Park Lake** (city of Phoenix)
- **Desert Breeze Park Lake** (city of Chandler)
- **Desert West Park Lake** (city of Phoenix)
- **Encanto Park Lake** (city of Phoenix)
- **Kiwanis Park Lake** (city of Tempe)
- **Papago Park Ponds 1, 2 and 3** (city of Phoenix)
- **Red Mountain Park Lake** (city of Mesa)
- **Rio Vista Park Pond** (city of Peoria)
- **Riverview Park Lake** (city of Mesa)
- **Steele Indian School Park Pond** (city of Phoenix)
- **Surprise Park Lake** (city of Surprise)
- **Veterans Oasis Park Lake** (city of Chandler)
- **Water Ranch Park Lake** (town of Gilbert)

### Waters and Areas Closed to Fishing

- **Agua Fria River** Posted areas immediately below Waddell Dam (Lake Pleasant)
- **Apache Lake** Posted areas immediately below Roosevelt Dam (Roosevelt Lake)
- **Canyon Lake** Posted areas immediately below Horse Mesa Dam (Apache Lake)
- **Saguaro Lake** Posted areas immediately below Mormon Flat Dam (Canyon Lake)

**NOTE:** Other seasonal closures may be in effect within some areas due to bald eagle breeding closures and/or Wildlife Area closures. See page 46 for information on **Lake Pleasant, Roosevelt Lake, Salt River, Tonto Creek** and **Verde River**.

### Live Baitfish Regulations

See page 10 for details.

### Watercraft and Motor Restrictions

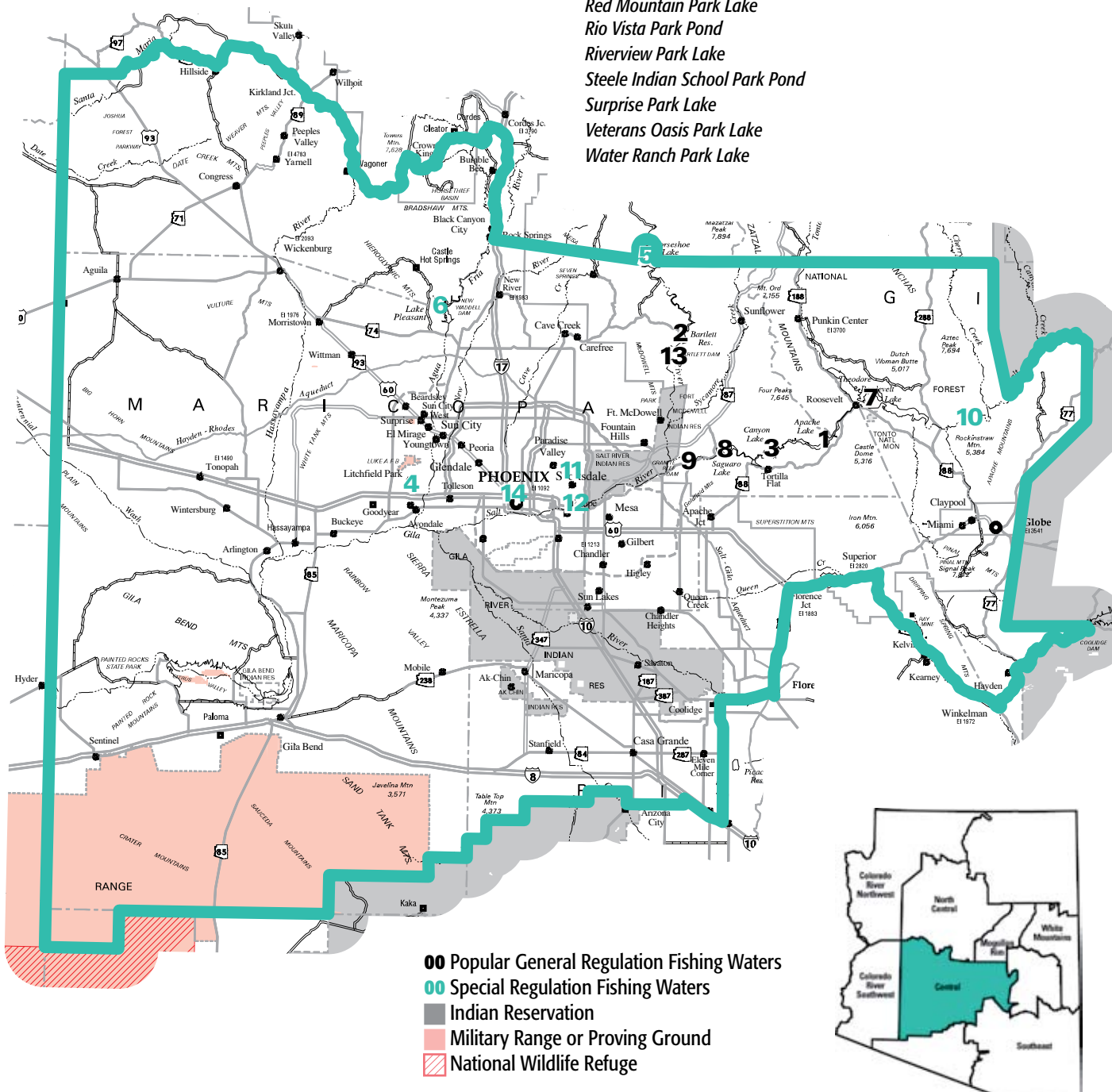
The use of watercraft and motors may be restricted on some waters within this fishing area. Please refer to the list of restricted waters found on page 31.

# Fishing Waters – Central

- 1 Apache Lake
- 2 Bartlett Lake
- 3 Canyon Lake
- 4 Crystal Gardens Water Treatment Facility
- 5 Horseshoe Lake
- 6 Lake Pleasant
- 7 Roosevelt Lake
- 8 Saguaro Lake
- 9 Salt River (lower)
- 10 Salt River (upper)
- 11 Salt River Project Canal System
- 12 Tempe Town Lake
- 13 Verde River

- 14 Phoenix Area Urban Fishing Lakes (Valid Urban fishing license required. See pages 26–27.):

Alvord Lake at Cesar Chavez Park  
 Evelyn Hallman Pond  
 Chaparral Park Lake  
 Cortez Park Lake  
 Desert Breeze Park Lake  
 Desert West Park Lake  
 Encanto Park Lake  
 Kiwanis Park Lake  
 Papago Park Ponds  
 Red Mountain Park Lake  
 Rio Vista Park Pond  
 Riverview Park Lake  
 Steele Indian School Park Pond  
 Surprise Park Lake  
 Veterans Oasis Park Lake  
 Water Ranch Park Lake



## Southeast

*Special Regulations* include fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, size limits, bait and hook restrictions, legal methods, and waters and areas closed to fishing.

### Notes:

1. *General Statewide Regulations* apply to all waters and fish species within the Southeast area *except* as listed below.
2. For each water listed, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit, unless a different possession limit is specified.

**Arivaca Lake** Catch-and-release only for largemouth bass. Bass must be immediately released unharmed.

**Cluff Ranch Ponds 1 and 3** The limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**Dankworth Lake** The limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**Kearny Lake** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 4 bass, minimum size 13 inches; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination; the limit is 1 white amur (grass carp), minimum size 30 inches.

NEW

**Pena Blanca Lake** Catch-and-release only for largemouth bass. Bass must be immediately released unharmed through Dec. 31, 2012. The limit is 4 catfish in any combination. NOTE: Pena Blanca Lake was drained in 2008–09 for renovation and dredging. The lake will take time to recover. Call the Tucson office for updates (520) 628-5376.

**Roper Lake** The limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**All waters, not in the Urban Fishing Program, but within the city park systems of Tucson** The limit is 4 trout; the limit is 4 catfish in any combination.

**Designated Urban Fishing Program waters** *Valid Urban fishing license required. See designated urban fishing lake and pond regulations on pages 26–27.*

- **Kennedy Park Lake** (*city of Tucson*)
- **Lakeside Lake** at Chuck Ford-Lakeside Park (*city of Tucson*)
- **Silverbell Lake** at Christopher Columbus Park (*city of Tucson*)
- **Sahuarita Lake** (*town of Sahuarita*)

### Waters and Areas Closed to Fishing

- **Aravaipa Creek** in Pinal and Graham Counties
- **Ash Creek and Maricopa Creek and their tributaries** in Graham County (Gila Trout recovery) **NEW**
- **Bog Hole Wildlife Area** Posted portions
- **Bonita Creek** in Graham County **NEW**
- **Cienega Creek** Posted portions in Pima County
- **Frye Creek** in Graham County
- **Lower Sabino Canyon** *From the confluence of the East and West forks of Sabino Creek, downstream to the U.S. Forest Service boundary* in Pima County
- **O'Donnell Canyon** in Santa Cruz County
- **Sycamore Creek** in Santa Cruz County
- **West Turkey Creek** in Cochise County

### Live Baitfish Regulations

No live baitfish may be used or in possession on any waters in Pima or Cochise Counties, no exceptions. For waters in other counties within this fishing area, see page 10.

### Watercraft and Motor Restrictions

The use of watercraft and motors may be restricted on some waters within this fishing area. Please refer to the list of restricted waters found on page 31.



# Fishing Waters – Southeast

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>1</b> Arivaca Lake              | <b>6</b> Patagonia Lake    | <b>11</b> Tucson Urban Fishing Lakes (Valid Urban fishing license required. See pages 26–27.): |
| <b>2</b> Cluff Ranch Ponds 1 and 3 | <b>7</b> Pena Blanca Lake  | <i>Kennedy Park Lake</i>   |
| <b>3</b> Dankworth Lake            | <b>8</b> Roper Lake        | <i>Lakeside Lake at Chuck Ford-Lakeside Park</i>   |
| <b>4</b> Kearny Lake               | <b>9</b> Riggs Flat Lake   | <i>Silverbell Lake at Christopher Columbus Park</i>  |
| <b>5</b> Parker Canyon Lake        | <b>10</b> Rose Canyon Lake | <b>12</b> Sahuarita Lake (Urban Fishing Lake)  |

**00** Popular General Regulation Fishing Waters

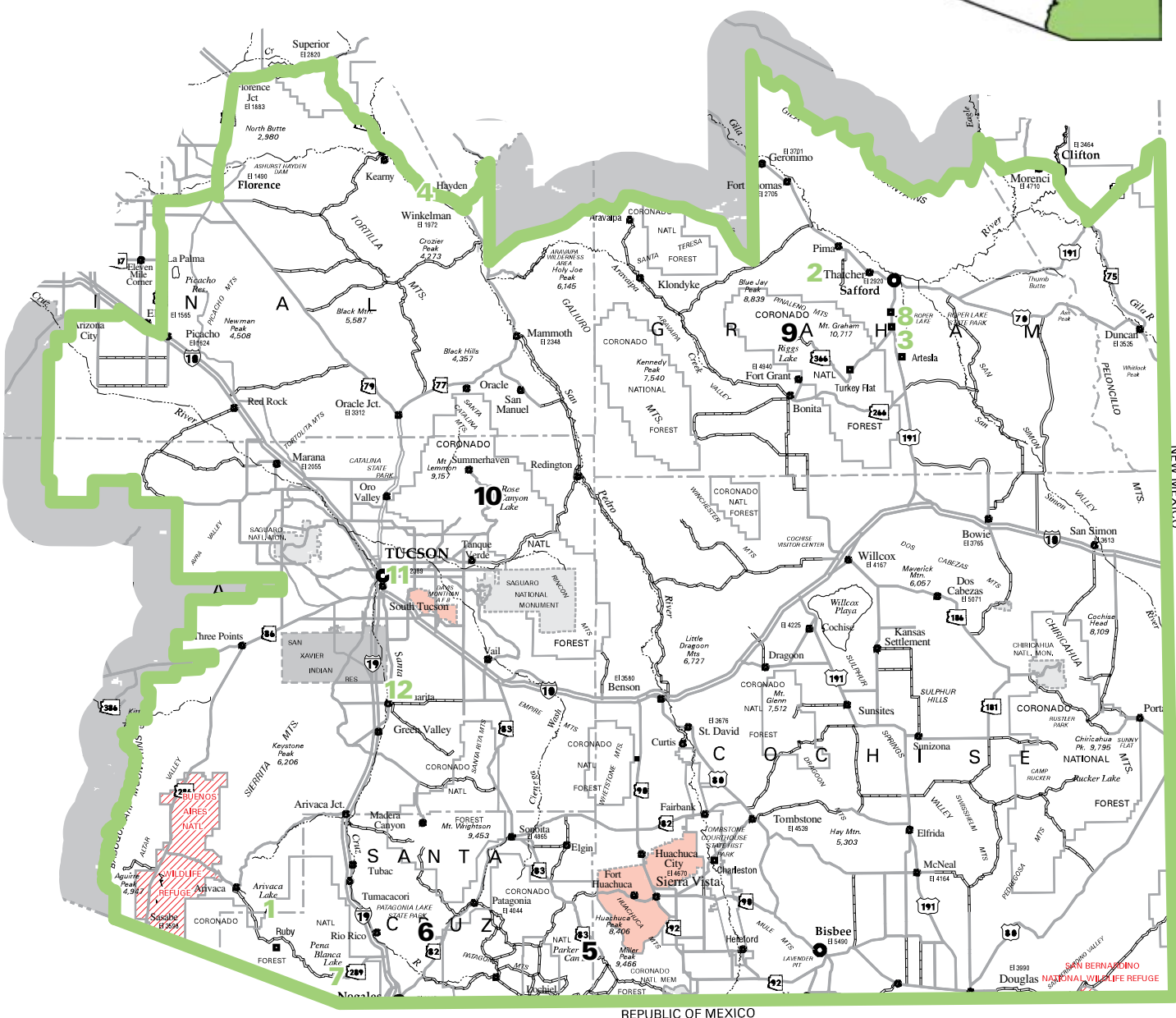
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## Designated Urban Fishing Program Waters

### The Urban Fishing Program

The Game and Fish Department and parks and recreation departments from 11 cities have joined together to provide enjoyable fishing opportunities for anglers of all ages in urban areas. These specially designated waters are intensively stocked with ready-to-catch fish over a 10-month period from mid September through June; every two weeks! Annually, channel catfish over 1.5 pounds are stocked 12 times, there are 9 deliveries of 11 inch and over rainbow trout, and two loads of catchable sunfish.

#### Annual Fish Stocking Schedule

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Catfish				4						8		
Trout							9					
Sunfish					1					1		

The motto of the Urban Fishing Program is “if people can’t get to the fish, we’ll bring fish to the people.” To cover costs of providing this fun and convenient service to urban residents, anglers that fish any of the 21 designated Urban Fishing Program waters must purchase a special Urban Fishing License.

### Park Signage

Attractive, specially designed signs are posted at all waters in the Urban Fishing Program. These distinctive signs and kiosks highlight the fishing license requirements and special bag limit regulations for Urban Lakes and Urban Ponds – distinguishing them from other waters in urban areas.



### Urban Lake and Pond Management Concepts

Urban Fishing Program waters are managed as either an Urban Lake (from 3-25 surface acres) or Urban Pond (less than 3 acres). Urban Ponds are stocked on the same schedule as Urban Lakes, every two weeks. However,

the Ponds are stocked at a lower rate of fish per acre and the daily bag limits for Ponds are only half that of Lakes. This management approach ensures that our smaller waters aren't overcrowded or overfished, and our anglers will still have a quality experience. See page 27 for lake and pond locations.

### Program Receives Showcase in Excellence Award

The Urban Fishing Program Fish Stocking process was selected as a 2007 Showcase in Excellence Award recipient by the AZ State Quality Alliance. This prestigious award recognizes the high quality performance of the fish stocking process and the methods that have been put in place to ensure fish arrive in the right amounts, right sizes, and healthy condition on time, every time. This award validates what urban anglers have known for years – that the Arizona Urban Fishing Program is a winner!

### License Requirements

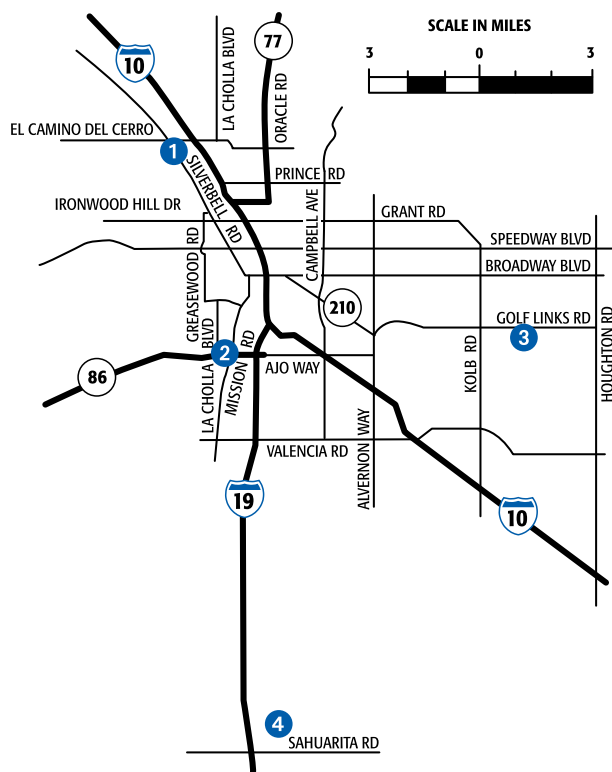
Special fishing regulations apply to these heavily stocked waters including reduced daily bag limits and some minimum size limits. If you are age 14 or over, you must buy a \$18.50 Class U Urban Fishing license (rates are the same whether a resident or non-resident). The Class U license covers all fish species and aquatic wildlife found in the designated Urban Fishing Program waters. Juveniles under the age of 14 do not need a license. The following licenses are also valid: Class D one-day fishing license; Class L super conservation fish license; Class N super conservation combination hunt and fish license; resident youth-group two-day fishing license; and Pioneer and disabled veteran complimentary licenses. Other Arizona fishing licenses including Class A, B, C, F, I or K are not needed nor valid.

### Sources of More Information

- 2011 or 2012 Arizona Urban Fishing Program guidebook. Available at Department offices, license dealers or on the Web at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).
- Urban Fishing Bulletin. Published every two weeks and posted on park bulletin boards. Also available at Department offices or on the Web at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov), select eNEWS.
- Additional fishing information can be found on the web at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov): Fishing Reports, Stocking Schedules, Fishing Blog, Fishing Photos and more.

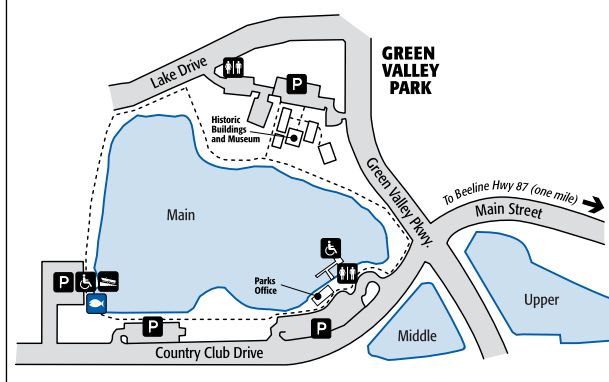
DESIGNATED URBAN FISHING WATER REGULATIONS	URBAN LAKES (3 ACRES OR MORE)	URBAN PONDS (LESS THAN 3 ACRES)
<b>Legal Fish</b>	<b>Daily and Possession Bag Limits</b>	
<b>Trout</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
Unlicensed persons under the age of 14 and blind residents	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Catfish</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bass</b> minimum size 13 inches	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sunfishes</b> Any combination (includes bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish and hybrid sunfish)	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>White amur</b> (grass carp) minimum size 30 inches	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>All other species</b> (including, but not limited to, crappie, yellow bass, carp and tilapia)	<b>Unlimited</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>

## Tucson Area Designated Urban Fishing Program Lakes

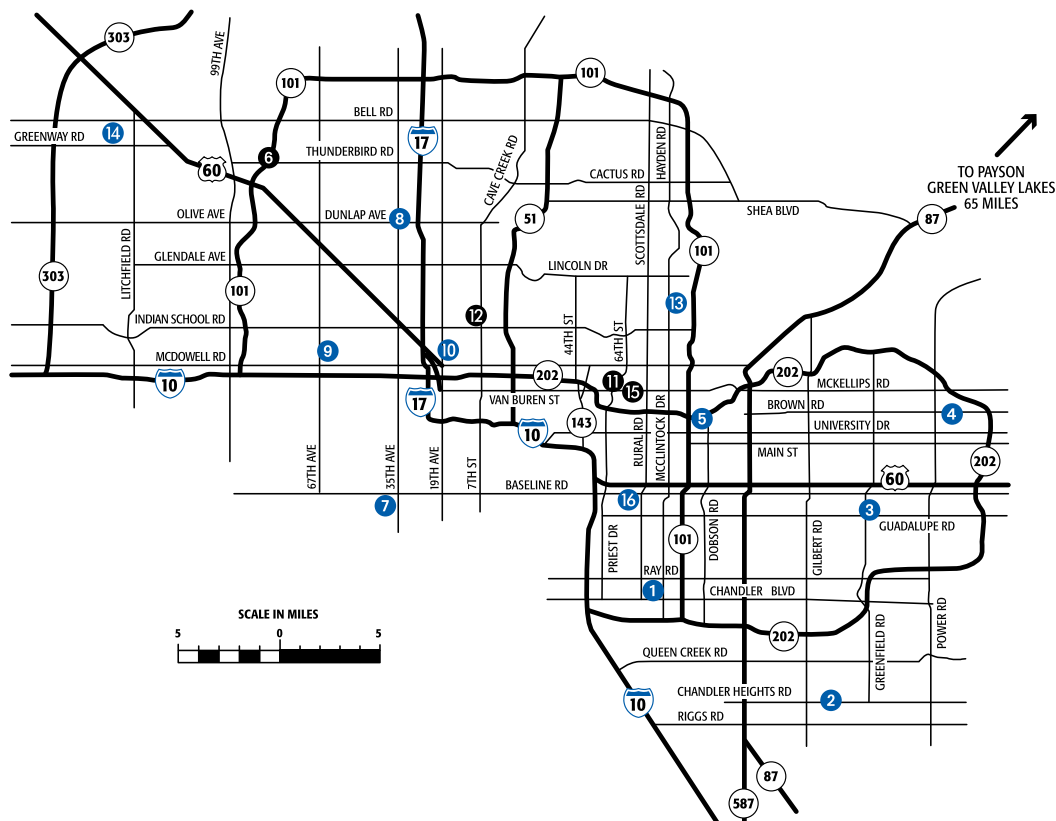


- 1 Silverbell Lake at Christopher Columbus Park
- 2 Kennedy Park Lake
- 3 Lakeside Lake at Chuck Ford-Lakeside Park
- 4 Sahuarita Park Lake

## Payson Green Valley Park Urban Fishing Program Lakes



## Phoenix Area Designated Urban Fishing Program Lakes



### CHANDLER

- 1 Desert Breeze
- 2 Veterans Oasis

### GILBERT

- 3 Water Ranch

### MESA

- 4 Red Mountain
- 5 Riverview

### PEORIA

- 6 Rio Vista

### PHOENIX

- 7 Alvord
- 8 Cortez
- 9 Desert West
- 10 Encanto
- 11 Papago Ponds
- 12 Steele Indian School

### SCOTTSDALE

- 13 Chaparral

### SURPRISE

- 14 Surprise

### TEMPE

- 15 Hallman
- 16 Kiwanis

- Urban Lakes
- Urban Ponds (< 3 acres)



# Amphibians: Commission Order 41 *Requires a valid fishing or combination license*

Statewide – As defined in ARS§17-101, excluding wildlife areas not opened for hunting (R12-4-802). Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping under ARS§17-303, 304, or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801-803.

OPEN SEASON DATES	NOTES	OPEN AREAS	LEGAL AMPHIBIANS	BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT
A. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012	(1,2,5, 6, and 7)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 5 and 6	All amphibians, except those named in Subsections B, C, D, E, F, G, and H	Ten (10) per year or in possession of each species live or dead.
B. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012	(1,2,6, and 7)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 6	Bufo cognatus (Great Plains toad), B. punctatus (red-spotted toad), Scaphiopus couchi (Couch's spadefoot), and Spea multiplicata (Mexican spadefoot)	Ten (10) per day or in possession per species live or dead.
C. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012	(1,2,3,6, and 7)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 6	Craugaster augusti (barking frog)	Two (2) per year or in possession live or dead.
D. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012	(1,2,4,6, and 7)	Statewide, except areas closed in Notes 4 and 6	All species in the genus Ambystoma (waterdog or tiger salamander)	Unlimited live or dead.
E. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012	(1,2, 6, 7, and 8)	Statewide, except areas closed in Notes 6 and 8	Rana catesbeiana (bullfrog)	Unlimited dead.
F. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012	(1,2,6, and 7)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 6	All species in the genus Xenopus (clawed frogs) and Bufo marinus (giant toad)	Unlimited dead.
G. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012	(1,2,6, 7, and 9)	Statewide, except areas closed in Notes 6 and 9.	Rana berlandieri (Rio Grande leopard frog)	Unlimited dead.
H. There is no open season on Rana tarahumarae (Tarahumara frog), Rana blairi (plains leopard frog), Rana chiricahuensis (Chiricahua leopard frog), Rana pipiens (northern leopard frog), Rana yavapaiensis (lowland leopard frog), Rana onca (relict leopard frog).				

## Amphibian Notes:

- A fishing or combination license is required for take of amphibians. Amphibians may be taken day or night per R12-4-313(E).
- The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation controls access to the taking of aquatic wildlife on its installation.
- The possession limit for Craugaster augusti (barking frogs) legally held prior to January 1, 2005 is 10 per person.
- No waterdogs or salamanders may be taken in that portion of Santa Cruz County lying east and south of State Highway 82 or that portion of Cochise County lying west of the San Pedro River and south of State Highway 82.
- No Hyla wrightorum (Arizona treefrogs) may be taken in Cochise or Santa Cruz counties.
- Amphibians may not be taken at any time (or during periods specified) within the following areas:
  - Posted boundaries of State or Federal hatcheries, except for Arizona Game and Fish Department sponsored fishing clinics.
  - Posted boundary of the Region I regional headquarters in Pinetop.
  - The Colorado River one-half mile upstream and one-half mile downstream from its confluence with the Little Colorado River.
  - That portion of the Little Colorado River lying within the Grand Canyon National Park.
  - Lee Valley Creek above Lee Valley Lake.
  - Gap Creek between Honeymoon Cabin and its confluence with the Verde River.
  - Mineral Creek in Apache County upstream of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary.
  - Posted areas immediately above the dams at Upper Lake Mary, Alamo Lake and Lake Mead.
  - Posted areas immediately below Davis, Hoover, Glen Canyon, Waddell (Lake Pleasant), Roosevelt, Horse Mesa and Mormon Flat dams.
  - Posted, Spawning Pond Number 1 and Spawning Pond Number 2 located along the Salinity Canal north of Yuma.
  - The Luna Lake Wildlife Area from April 1 through July 31.
  - Posted portions of Alamo Lake.
  - Posted portions of the Tonto Arm of Roosevelt Lake from January 1 through February 15 and from November 15 through December 31.
  - Posted portions of Mittry Lake from November 15 through February 15 annually.
  - Posted portions of Becker Lake are closed to all public entry from December 15 through June 15.
  - Posted portions of Lake Mead.
  - Posted portions of Powers Butte Wildlife Area are closed to entry for the purpose of taking wildlife.
  - Posted portions of Bog Hole Wildlife Area.
  - Posted portions of Lake Havasu.
  - Posted portions of Cienega Creek in Pima County.
  - Aravaipa Creek in Pinal and Graham counties.
  - Sycamore Creek in Santa Cruz County.
  - Cibola Lake from the first Monday in September (Labor Day) through March 15.
  - Posted portions of Martinez Lake from October 1 through March 1.
  - Posted in accordance with and pursuant to ARS 17-303 and 304.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermillion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria national monuments are open to the take of wildlife.
- Havasu, Bill Williams River, Cibola, and Imperial national wildlife refuges are open to the take of bullfrogs, as permitted by refuge regulations (posted areas are closed).
- Rana berlandieri (Rio Grande leopard frogs) may not be taken from the portion of the Hassayampa River between Wickenburg and Morristown.

## Crustaceans and Mollusks: Commission Order 42

*Requires a valid fishing or combination license*

Statewide – As defined in ARS§17-101, excluding wildlife areas not opened for hunting (R12-4-802). Open areas do not include any area closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-3-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803

OPEN SEASON DATES	NOTES	OPEN AREAS	LEGAL CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSKS	BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2012		Statewide, except areas in Notes below.	All crustaceans and mollusks, except those named in Subsection B	Unlimited dead, except that area in Note 3.

There is no open season on any species in the genus *Oxyloma* (ambersnails), the genus *Pyrgulopsis* (springsnails; see Note 2 as it applies to the Huachuca springsnail [*P. thompsoni*]), the genus *Tryonia* (springsnails), the San Xavier talussnail (*Sonorella eremita*), the Wet Canyon talussnail (*Sonorella macrophallus*), and the California floater (*Anodonta californiensis*).

### Crustaceans and Mollusks Notes:

- Bylaw, crustaceans and mollusks are considered aquatic wildlife and a fishing or combination license is required for take. Methods of take are prescribed at R12-4-313(E).
- The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation controls access to the taking of aquatic wildlife on its installation.
- Crayfish may be possessed live or dead in that portion of La Paz County west of Highway 95 and south of Interstate 10; in Yuma County and on the Colorado River from Palo Verde Diversion Dam downstream to the southern international boundary with Mexico.
- Intentional transport of live or dead New Zealand mudsnails (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*), zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), and/or quagga mussels (*Dreissena bugensis*) in Arizona is prohibited (with the exception of preserved scientific and educational specimens).
- Crustaceans and mollusks may not be taken at any time within the following areas:
  - Posted boundaries of State or Federal hatcheries, except for Arizona Game and Fish Department sponsored fishing clinics.
  - Posted boundary of the Region I regional headquarters in Pinetop.
  - The Colorado River one-half mile upstream and one-half mile downstream from its confluence with the Little Colorado River.
  - That portion of the Little Colorado River lying within the Grand Canyon National Park.
  - Lee Valley Creek above Lee Valley Reservoir.
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  - Cibola Lake from the first Monday in September (Labor Day) through March 15.
  - Posted portions of Martinez Lake from October 1 through March 1.
  - Posted in accordance with and pursuant to ARS 17-303 and 304.
  - The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermillion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to the take of wildlife as permitted by Monument regulations.

## Reptiles: Commission Order 43 (aquatic only) *Requires a valid fishing or combination license*

*CONSULT THE 2011 & 2012 ARIZONA REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN REGULATIONS FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF COMMISSION ORDER 43 (includes terrestrial).*

Statewide – As defined in ARS§17-101, excluding wildlife areas not opened for hunting (R12-4-802). Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping under ARS§17-303, 304, or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801-803.

OPEN SEASON DATES	NOTES	OPEN AREAS	LEGAL REPTILES	BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT
Jan 1, – Dec 31, 2011 Jan 1, – Dec 31, 2012	(1, 5, 8, 9, 10)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 9	Apalone spinifera (spiny softshell), <i>Trachemys scripta</i> (slider), and all species of the family Chelydridae (snapping turtles)	Unlimited dead.

### Reptile Notes:

- A hunting or combination license is required for take of reptiles. A fishing or combination license is required for take of softshell turtles. Reptiles may be taken day or night. See R12-4-304 for restrictions on the use of artificial light. By law, softshell turtles are considered aquatic wildlife and a fishing or combination license is required for take. Methods of take are prescribed at R12-4-313(D).
- The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, the Yuma Proving Ground, and Camp Navajo control access to hunting on their installations.
- The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation controls access to the taking of aquatic wildlife on its installation.
- Turtles may not be taken at any time (or during periods specified) within the following areas:
  - Posted boundaries of State or Federal hatcheries, except for Arizona Game and Fish Department sponsored fishing clinics.
  - Posted boundary of the Region I regional headquarters in Pinetop.
  - The Colorado River one-half mile upstream and one-half mile downstream from its confluence with the Little Colorado River.
  - That portion of the Little Colorado River lying within the Grand Canyon National Park.
  - Lee Valley Creek above Lee Valley Lake.
  - Gap Creek between Honeymoon Cabin and its confluence with the Verde River.
  - Mineral Creek in Apache County upstream of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary.
  - Posted areas immediately above the dams at Upper Lake Mary, Alamo Lake and Lake Mead.
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# Don't Move a Mussel – Now It's the Law

## Quagga Mussels Have Invaded Arizona

Quagga mussels are now established along vast stretches of the Colorado River and impoundments on Arizona's western border, including Lakes Mead, Mohave and Havasu. Mussels are in Lake Pleasant near Phoenix, and are spreading through the Central Arizona Project canal and into Salt River Project canals. Quagga and zebra mussels are now listed as an aquatic invasive species in Director's Order 1 (ARS 17-255).

### What is a Quagga?

The quagga mussel is a small freshwater bivalve mollusk with a dark and white lined pattern along its hard shell. They are usually 1/2 to 1 inch long. Although small, these invasive mussels can form huge colonies, literally smothering and occluding underwater objects and surfaces.



### How do they spread?

These invasive mussels can live for two to four years and can release up to half a million fertilized eggs in a year. A single cup of water left in a bait bucket or boat's bilge can contain thousands of microscopic larvae called veligers. As juveniles and adults, they can attach to boats and other objects, grow shells, and survive many days out of water before reaching a new water location.

### Why are they a threat?

Although quagga mussels (and closely related zebra mussels) do not pose a known threat to human health, these mussels cause severe physical

and ecological damages and plague recreational boaters. They attach themselves to a number of surface types, including boat hulls, engine intakes, livewells, through hull fittings, bilges, water-intake valves, canals, pipes, aqueducts and dams. This requires huge operational and maintenance expense. In the United States, invasive mussels cost the power industry \$3.1 billion in a six year period, while their impact on industries, businesses, and communities was an additional \$5 billion. Efficient as filter feeders, massive colonies of mussels can alter lake productivity, fish growth and fish population balance.

For more information visit [www.azgfd.gov/mussels](http://www.azgfd.gov/mussels).

## Quagga Decontamination Protocols for your Boat (ARS 17-255 – Director's Order 3)

### Day-use Boaters – One to five days on the water:

1. **CLEAN** the hull and remove any clinging materials
2. **DRAIN** (remove the plug) the water from the engine, bilge, livewell, etc.
3. **DRY** the whole boat and equipment
4. If possible, treat any standing water (in bilge, bottom of boat) or other boat surfaces with vinegar.

### Long-term or Moored Boats (e.g. in marinas) – more than five days on the water:

1. **CLEAN, DRAIN** (remove the plug) and **DRY**
2. **REMOVE** all attached adult mussels
3. **DESSICATE** your boat. Keep the boat out of the water for a minimum of seven (7) days in the spring, summer and fall, and a minimum of 18 days in the winter to kill all hidden quagga mussels.

Afterall, "Now It's the Law."

Visit [www.azgfd.gov/mussels](http://www.azgfd.gov/mussels) for further information.

Protect Your Boat | Protect The Environment



## Help Protect Our Fisheries From Crayfish

**Help reduce crayfish populations in our waters by removing crayfish at every opportunity.**

**Crayfish are not native to Arizona, yet they have become established in many waters throughout the state. They endanger aquatic native species as well as sport fish by:**

- Preying on all life stages of fish, amphibians and invertebrates
- Aggressively competing for habitat and food
- Destroying productive habitat in our streams, ponds and lakes

Be careful with the use and disposal of crayfish.

- **It is unlawful to transport live crayfish (except for that part of southwestern Arizona south of I-10 and west of Highway 95).**
- If you intend to keep and eat crayfish, pack them in ice for transport. This will kill them

while keeping them fresh until you arrive at your destination.

- By law, you may only use live crayfish as bait in the same body of water where they were caught.



- Do not throw unused bait crayfish, or bait of any kind, back into the water alive.

**With a valid fishing license (or for youth under age 14), an unlimited number of crayfish may be caught by the following methods:**

- By hand or hand-held device, such as a fishing pole.
- Landing nets, dip nets or umbrella nets
- Crayfish nets or traps not exceeding 3 feet on a side or diameter
- Cast nets not exceeding a 4-foot radius
- Minnow traps not exceeding 1 foot in height and width, and 2 feet in length
- Seine nets not exceeding 10 feet in length and 4 feet in width
- Crayfish may be caught during the day or night.

See [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) for more information on crayfish capture methods and cooking recipes.



# Watercraft Regulations

## What is considered a watercraft?

According to the Arizona Game and Fish Laws and Rules, a watercraft is defined as any boat designed to be propelled by machinery, oars, paddles or wind action upon a sail for navigation on the water, or as may be defined by rule of the Commission. (A.R.S. 5-301)

## Which watercraft are required to be registered and numbered?

Any watercraft equipped with a motor, whether fuel or electric powered, is required to be numbered and registered. The original Certificate of Number must be onboard and available for inspection by a law enforcement officer whenever the watercraft is operated. (A.R.S. 5-321)

## What is the minimum age for a watercraft operator?

It is illegal for a person under the age of 12 to operate a watercraft with a motor greater than 8 horsepower (which includes personal watercraft) unless:

- An emergency exists or
- Another person at least 18 years of age is onboard. (A.R.S. 5-341(E))

## What is the normal waterway traffic pattern?

The normal traffic pattern on the waterways in Arizona is a counterclockwise direction. (A.R.S. 5-345(D))

## What safety equipment is required to be on board a watercraft?

### • **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs or life jackets):**

You must carry at least one properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III life jacket for each person on board the watercraft. Life jackets should be properly sized and fitted to the intended wearer and worn to the design specifications of the manufacturer.

Every person 12 years of age or younger must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket whenever they are underway on a watercraft. If your watercraft is 16 feet or more in length, you must carry a Type IV life jacket. (A.R.S. 5-331)

### • **Fire Extinguishers:**

All watercraft, unless exempt, must carry a U.S. Coast Guard approved working and serviceable fire extinguisher. (A.R.S. 5-332)

### • **Navigation Lights:**

All watercraft must display appropriate navigation lights while on Arizona waters between sunset and sunrise. Manually propelled boats may use a white light, ready at hand, which can be displayed to prevent a collision with another watercraft. (A.R.S. 5-333)

## What is a wakeless speed?

A speed that does not cause the watercraft to create a wake, but in no case in excess of five miles per hour. (A.R.S. 5-343)

## Motor Restrictions:

### Powerboats restricted to a single electric motor on:

Ackre Lake	McKellips Park Lake
Bear Canyon Lake	Pratt Lake
Bunch Reservoir	Quigley Pond
Carnero Lake	Redondo Pond
Chaparral Park Lake	Riggs Flat Lake
Cluff Ponds	Roper Lake
Coconino Reservoir	Santa Fe Lake
Coors Lake	Scott's Reservoir
Dankworth Pond	Sierra Blanca Lake
Dogtown Reservoir	Soldier Lake
Fortuna Lake	Stehr Lake
Goldwater Lake	Stoneman Lake
Granite Basin Lake	Tunnel Reservoir
Horsethief Basin Lake	Whitehorse Lake
Hulsey Lake	Willow Valley Lake
J.D. Dam Lake	Woodland Reservoir
Knoll Lake	Woods Canyon Lake
Lee Valley Lake	

### Powerboats restricted to a single electric motor or a single gasoline engine not exceeding 10 horsepower on:

Arivaca Lake	Lower Lake Mary
Ashurst Lake	Luna Lake
Becker Lake	Lynx Lake
Big Lake	Marshall Lake
Black Canyon Lake	Mexican Hay Lake
Blue Ridge Reservoir	Nelson Reservoir
Cataract Lake	Parker Canyon Lake
Chevelon Canyon Lake	Pena Blanca Lake
Cholla Lake Hot Pond	Rainbow Lake
Concho Lake	River Reservoir
Crescent Lake	Show Low Lake
Fool Hollow Lake	Whipple Lake
Kaibab Lake	White Mountain Lake
Kinnikinick Lake	Willow Springs Lake
Little Mormon Lake	

### No powerboats allowed on:

Frye Mesa Reservoir  
Rose Canyon Lake  
Snow Flat Lake

(AGFD R12-4-517 (A)(B)(C))

*This list was effective Feb. 2, 2008*

## Additional Information on Boating

Contact Arizona Game and Fish Department to obtain a copy of the Arizona Boating Laws and Rules pamphlet, a complete copy of Arizona's Boating Laws and Rules, additional boating safety information, or boating safety classes at:

### Arizona Game and Fish Department

5000 W. Carefree Highway

Phoenix, AZ 85086

(623) 236-7235

or visit our website at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

Check out the new interactive boating facilities and fishing map at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).



# Arizona Fish Identification

Arizona is home to more than 85 species of fish. Knowing what fish species you are catching is not only fun, it is also important to correctly identify the fish you catch so you can abide by the daily bag limits, length limits and other regulations. Fish coloration, by itself, is not a good basis for identifying fish since it varies widely and there is considerable overlap between species. When in doubt about the identity or legal length, play it safe and return the fish to the water unharmed immediately. The following, by family, are fish species most commonly sought or encountered by anglers.

## General Statewide Bag Limits Per Day

To determine daily bag and possession limits for each fish species, refer to page 6, Statewide Daily Bag and Possession limits. Bag limits may vary on some bodies of water, so be sure to also check out fishing waters listed under Special Regulations (pages 12-27) to find out if bag and size limits are different on the body of water you plan to fish.

*Fish art by Mary Hirsch and Randall D. Babb*

## Trout Family *(includes all species of trout, brook trout, and grayling)*

### Rainbow Trout

Description: Olive to bluish on the back, silvery sides, a pink band on the sides from head to tail. Many small black spots on back, sides, adipose and dorsal fin. Distinct radiating rows of black spots on tail fin. Generally, no spots on pectoral, pelvic and anal fins. Length: 8 to 32 inches. Weight: up to 21 pounds.



### Cutthroat Trout

Description: Body shape similar to rainbow trout. Back and sides are lightly spotted; Dorsal, adipose and tail fins are heavily spotted. Red or reddish-orange slash on throat. Length: 8 to 22 inches. Weight: up to 6 pounds.



### Brook Trout

Description: Gray to olive-green on the back. Vermiculations or worm-like markings on the back and dorsal fin. Sides lighter in color with blue halos around pink or red spots. White edge on lower fins and lower tail. Length: 4 to 21 inches. Weight: up to 5 pounds.



### Brown Trout

Description: Olive-brown with yellowish sides. Some orange or red spots on the sides, spots often encircled with light yellow or white. Dark spots on back and sides. Tail fin usually unspotted or vaguely spotted. Adipose fin usually orange or reddish. Length: 6 to 29 inches. Weight: up to 22 pounds.



### Apache Trout (native)

Description: Native to Arizona. Body color is yellowish-gold; tip of the head and back dark olive. Dorsal, anal and pelvic fins are white tipped. Yellow to gold cutthroat mark usually present under lower jaw. Dark, bold spots on dorsal and tail fin. Body spotting is sparse and may extend below lateral line. Two small black spots on either side of pupil, give appearance of black stripe through eye. Length: 6 to 24 inches. Weight: up to 6 pounds.



### Grayling

Description: The dorsal fin is large, dark-gray, blotched with pale spots, with cross-rows of deep blue spots and edged with red or orange. The dorsal fin has 17 to 25 rays. The tail fin is forked. The body has scattered black spots on silver-gray, sometimes pink sides. Scales larger than for trout. Length: 10 to 16 inches. Weight: up to 1.5 pound.



## Bass and Sunfish Family

### Largemouth Bass

Description: Large mouth with upper jaw of adults extending beyond rear margin of eye. Dark olive-green on back, green sides shading to white belly. Dark horizontal band on each side. Deep notch in dorsal fin. Soft dorsal fin with 12 to 13 rays. Length: 10 to 28 inches. Weight: up to 16 pounds.



### Bluegill

Description: The bluegill has blue coloring on the chin, a solid black opercle flap, a small mouth and a dark spot at the rear of the dorsal fin. The body is very compressed or flat and has from five to nine dark vertical bars on the sides. Length: 4 to 13 inches. Weight: up to 4 pounds.



### Green Sunfish

Description: Large mouth with blue-green striations on the cheeks. Opercle flap is black with reddish or orange border. Body olive-green in color, dark vertical bars on sides. Pectoral fin short and rounded. Caudal fin and lower fin margins are white or yellowish with dusky spots at rear of dorsal and anal fins. Length: 3 to 12 inches. Weight: up to 1.5 pounds.



### Smallmouth Bass

Description: Smallmouth bass most often are bronze to brownish green in color, with dark vertical bars on sides. In contrast to the largemouth bass, the upper jaw does not extend beyond rear margin of eye. Eye reddish in color. Shallow notch in dorsal fin. Soft dorsal fin has 13 to 15 rays. Length: 12 to 22 inches. Weight: up to 7 pounds.



### Redear Sunfish

Description: The "Red-ear" sunfish has a black opercle flap which is bordered with a reddish or orange color on the rear of the flap. Sides of head have olive-brown speckling. Body is compressed or flat with an olive-green cast, light speckling on sides. Pectoral fin long and pointed, usually extends far past eye when bent forward. Length: 6 to 14 inches. Weight: up to 3 pounds.



### Black Crappie

Description: Head and back heavily and irregularly spotted with black blotches on a silver-olive background; Tail, dorsal and anal fins are spotted. Seven or eight spines on dorsal fin. Body is compressed. Length: 6 to 12 inches. Weight: up to 4 pounds.



## Temperate Bass Family

### Striped Bass

Description: Body has six to nine black horizontal stripes on silvery-white sides. Dorsal fins are distinctly separate, unlike yellow bass, which are joined at the base. Pelvic fins in large adults, white with anal fin edged in white. Lower jaw protrudes beyond upper jaw. Generally two patches of teeth on tongue. 2nd anal spine distinctly shorter than the 3rd. Tail is slightly forked. Length: 10 to 56 inches. Weight: up to 67 pounds.



### White Bass

Description: Body silver-white, 4 to 7 dark horizontal lines; Lines below lateral line often faint and broken. Dorsal fins are distinctly separate, unlike the yellow bass, which are joined at the base. 2nd anal spine distinctly shorter than the 3rd. Lower jaw protrudes beyond upper jaw; Generally a single patch of teeth at base of tongue. Length: 8 to 19 inches. Weight: up to 5 pounds.



### Yellow Bass

Description: Body has golden-yellow sides with 5 to 7 horizontal lines; Lines appear broken and offset about midway on the lower side. Dorsal fins are connected. 2nd anal spine is about as long as the 3rd anal spine. No patches of teeth on tongue. Length: 6 to 14 inches. Weight: up to 1.5 pounds.





## Catfish Family

### Channel Catfish

Description: Scattered black spots on a silver or gray colored back and sides with a white belly. Few spots on large adults. Smooth, scaleless skin. 8 barbels or "whiskers." Short base on small adipose fin. Deeply forked tail. Anal fin has 24 to 30 rays and is slightly rounded. Length: 10 to 39 inches. Weight: up to 35 pounds.



### Flathead Catfish

Description: Back and sides mottled, dark-brown to yellow-brown; belly is yellowish-white. Head is broad and flat with small eyes. Large mouth, lower jaw projecting beyond the upper jaw. Adipose fin is large; Tail fin is flat or slightly notched. Length: 12 to 52 inches. Weight: up to 74 pounds.



### Bullhead (black, yellow, brown)

Description: Body is yellow-olive to brown on back with yellowish sides, and yellow to white belly. Slight to no mottling. Chin barbels are always light in color, either white or pale yellow. Anal fin is moderately long with a straight profile; Tail fin is rounded. Length: 6 to 18 inches. Weight: up to 4 pounds.



## Pike and Perch Family

### Walleye

Description: Back is yellow-olive with a brassy cast. Sides brassy-yellow with dark mottling. Belly is white. Dark spot at rear of spiny dorsal fin. Anal fin and lower lobe of tail fin are white. Eyes are opaque-silver in color. Length: 12 to 29 inches. Weight: up to 16 pounds.



### Northern Pike

Description: Back and sides, dusky olive-green with rows of light oval spots. Dorsal, anal and tail fin have round to oblong darkened spots. Dorsal fin located far back on an elongated body. Large canine-like teeth. Cheeks completely scaled, only upper half of the gill cover is scaled. Length: 12 to 47 inches. Weight: up to 32 pounds.



### Yellow Perch

Description: Back olive-green; sides brassy-yellow with 6 to 9 dark vertical bars; Belly is white. Anal fin, pectoral and pelvic fins are amber-orange tinted. Small teeth, not canine-like. Soft (rear) dorsal fin has 12 to 13 rays. Length: 4 to 12 inches. Weight: up to 1 pound.



## Minnow Family

### Common Carp

Description: Back olive-yellow with yellowish gold sides. Scales on back and upper sides are dark-edged, with a dark spot at the base. The dorsal fin has 17 to 22 rays. One saw-toothed spine at front of long dorsal and anal fin. Two barbels at each corner of the mouth on the upper jaw. Large adults have reddish-orange anal and tail fin. Length: 10 to 43 inches. Weight: up to 42 pounds.



### Roundtail Chub (native)

Description: Body is thick and streamlined, dark olive-gray above with silver sides. Mouth extends to front of eye. Dorsal fin and anal fin usually have 8 to 10 rays. Large forked tail fin. Breeding males develop red or orange coloration on lower half of cheek and bases of paired fins. Length: 8 to 18 inches. Weight: up to 3 pounds.



### White Amur or grass carp

Similar to common carp only in general color (brassy yellow) and large scales. Notable differences include no barbels on bony mouth, no spine on a short dorsal fin or anal fin, more elongated body, less yellow in color, tail darker and more deeply forked. These fish are highly effective weed eaters and are stocked to control nuisance weeds and algae. Length: 12 to 46 inches. Weight: up to 47 pounds.





## Other

### Desert Sucker (native)

Description: Body sharply bi-colored, olive-brown above and deep-yellow below. Scales on upper half of body have dark spots forming faint dashed lines. Lower lip is about 3 times as thick as upper lip. Dorsal fin has 10 to 11 rays. Length: 8 to 31 inches. Weight: up to 4 pounds.



### Buffalofish (bigmouth, black)

Description: Heavy bodied fish. Back is gray to olive-bronze with green-copper reflections. Sides, black to olive-yellow; Belly, pale yellow to white. Head large and ovoid with a sharply oblique, terminal mouth. No barbels or spines. Length: 12 to 41 inches. Weight: up to 47 pounds.



### Tilapia

Description: At least four distinct species of tilapia have been introduced into Arizona. Extensive hybridization often makes identification difficult. Similar in body shape to bluegill. Two-part lateral line with front portion higher on body than rear portion. Long, unbroken dorsal fin and anal fin with pointed ends. Length: 4 to 18 inches. Weight: up to 7 pounds.



## Protected Native Fish:

See page 6 for a complete list of Commission designated protected fish. The four fish illustrated here are protected in Arizona. Should any of these be caught (most likely to occur in Colorado, Salt, Verde and Gila river systems), they must be immediately released unharmed.

### Colorado River Pikeminnow

Description: Body is long and slender, gray-green back with silver sides. Scales, very small. Long, conical shaped head, flattened between the eyes; large, horizontal mouth. Dorsal fin originates behind origin of pelvic fins. Dorsal and anal fins almost always with nine rays. Tail fin, large and deeply forked. Length: 1 to 6 feet. Weight: 1 to 100 pounds.



### Razorback Sucker

Description: Back, olive to brown-black, sides brown or pinkish; belly, white to yellow. Adults have sharp-edged keel or "humpback." Mouth facing downward; lower lip widely separated into two lobes by a deep groove. 13-16 dorsal rays; 7 anal rays. Length: up to 36 inches. Weight: 1 to 13 pounds.



### Humpback Chub

Description: Federally listed as Endangered. Body streamlined, dark olive-gray above, silver sides. Small head with snout overhanging mouth. High pronounced hump immediately behind head. This high-hump acts as a barrier to passing water forcing the body against the bottom where currents are slightly less, thus enabling these fish to move through rapids separating one eddying habitat from another. Deeply embedded scales. Slender caudal peduncle. Dorsal fin rays usually 9, anal fin rays 10 or more. Length: up to 18 inches. Weight: up to 2 pounds.



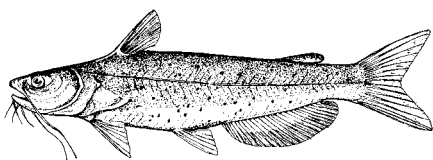
### Bonytail Chub

Description: Extremely rare. Federally listed as Endangered. Body highly streamlined, bluish, dusky color above, pale below. Head short, concave on top, arching smoothly into a subtle hump in adults. Dorsal fin rays almost always 10 or more; anal fin rays 9-11; very slender caudal peduncle. Length: up to 24 inches. Weight: over 2 pounds.



## Basic Fishing Setups

Proper rigging of your hooks, weights and baits is a fundamental part of your fishing success. The following methods have proven to work well for trout, catfish and bluegill in lakes and ponds. Use lighter line and smaller hooks and weights for trout and bluegill. Some baits such as worms are effective for all fish, however most other baits are species specific.



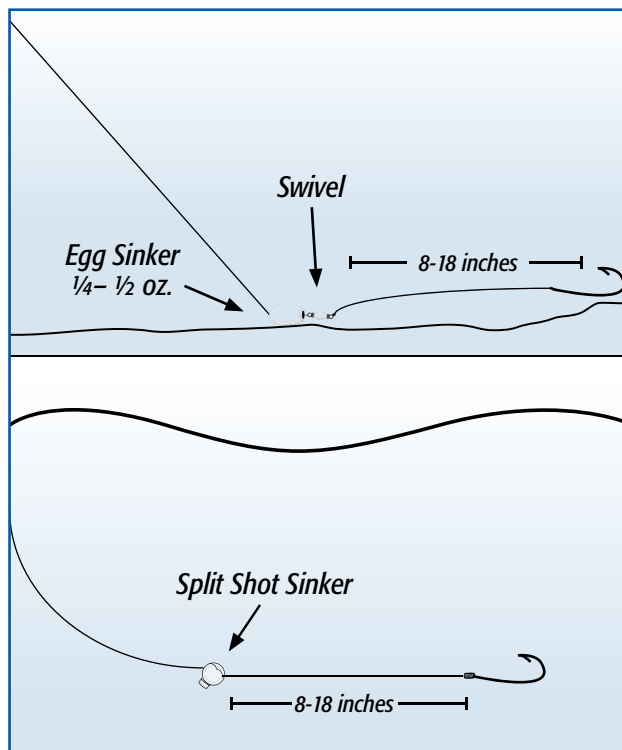
### Catfish

**Line:** 8 to 12 lb. test

**Hook Size:** 2 to 6 baitholder

**Bait:** Worms, stink baits, hotdogs, liver, shrimp

Catfish are best caught using a hook and sinker setup (fig. 1 and fig. 2). Catfish bite best in darker environments. Fish the deepest spots during the daytime and shallower areas after dark.



**Figure 1: Egg Sinker Setup**

**Figure 2: Split Shot Sinker setup**

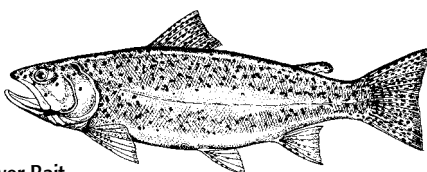
### Trout

**Line:** 4 to 6 lb. test

**Hook Size:** 8 to 12 baitholder

**Bait:** Worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait

When using prepared floating baits, the bottom fishing set up with an egg sinker is most effective (fig. 1). When fishing for trout, use the egg sinker set-up with 4- or 6-pound line tied below the swivel to the hook. Fishing with a bobber (fig. 3) can work well for trout when using non-floating baits such as worms or salmon eggs. In addition to the baits suggested for trout, small in-line spinners such as Panther Martins or Mepps, or spoons such as KastMasters or Super Dupers, can be effective.



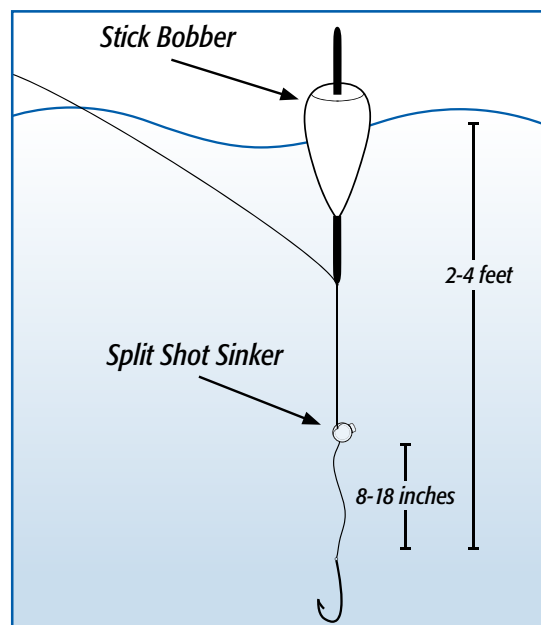
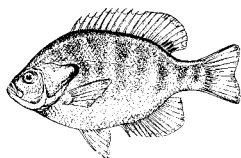
### Sunfish/Bluegill

**Line:** 2 to 6 lb. test

**Hook Size:** 8 to 12 baitholder

**Bait:** Worms, mealworms, corn

Sunfish or bluegill can be caught using the bobber setup (fig. 3). Use a small stick or round bobber and fish along the lake edges in 4-8 feet of water. Use enough weight below the bobber so that it can be pulled underwater easily. Try to cover up the hook with the bait.



**Figure 3: Bobber Setup**

## Simple Tips for Family Fun!

Remembering these five simple kid-style tips will help make your next family fishing trip an enjoyable and memorable experience

### 1. Keep it simple and safe.

Forget technique and tactics, kids just want to throw a line in the water and catch something. Choose simple equipment. A push button spincast reel and a 5-6 foot rod are best. Pack only the amount of tackle you need to keep everybody fishing (hooks, bobbers and weights). See inside back cover for lists and pictures of basic fishing supplies. Fish with easy-to-use bait secured under a small bobber or on the bottom. Provide your youngster with his or her own small tackle kit. Spend your time teaching and coaching the kids, don't plan to do much fishing yourself.

### 2. Be prepared.

Have all the things you need to fish beforehand, so when you go fishing there are no delays. Get lots of worms. They are great universal bait and kids will love the dirt, slime and squirm of worms. Bring drinks and snacks in a small tote – being in the outdoors makes kids hungry. Bring a camera to capture the memories.

### 3. Make it fun.

Take kids to a place where they can catch a lot of fish such as bluegill. Help them identify their catch (see pages 32-35) and teach them how to properly handle the fish they catch. If fishing is slow, take a short break and walk the shoreline or play at the nearby playground. Relax and have patience. Seize opportunities to explore and discover, to make up games and to tell stories.

### 4. Involve the kids.

Whenever you can, let kids do things themselves – bait the hook, cast their own rods, reel in the fish and remove the fish from the hook. Give kids a role for the day – choosing where to fish, what to bring for snacks, how long to fish each spot, netting the fish or counting the birds.

### 5. Go where the fish are.

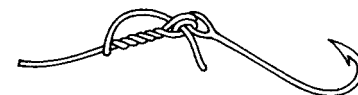
Nearby Urban Fishing Program waters are excellent locations to catch all kinds of fish including bluegill, trout and catfish. Lakes are stocked every two weeks for 10 months of the year.

### Standard Fishing Knot

**Trilene Knot** (*a strong all-purpose knot*)



1. Run the ends of the line through the eye of the hook two times.



2. Loop the line around 4 or 5 times, then thread the loose end back between the two loops near the hook as shown.



3. Pull tight. Trim the loose end.

## Heritage Fund celebrates 20 years of conserving Arizona's wildlife

Passed as an initiative in 1990 by an overwhelming 2-1 bipartisan ratio of Arizona voters, the Heritage Fund provides up to \$10 million each year from lottery ticket sales for the conservation and protection of the state's wildlife and natural areas. The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives no Arizona tax dollars and is not a burden on taxpayers. The Heritage Fund is one of the department's significant funding sources. It makes a difference in communities across Arizona and benefits all citizens.

### Notable Heritage Fund Accomplishments

More than 640 Heritage grants have been awarded totaling more than \$12 million for

wildlife, outdoor recreation, and environmental education projects statewide.

- Native Apache trout have been down-listed to a threatened species and recovered to a point that allows fishing opportunities.
- Barrier-free fishing piers have been constructed at Woodland, Mittry, Patagonia, Kaibab, Riggs and Rose Canyon lakes.
- The Arizona Quality Alliance recognized the Urban Fish Stocking program with its Showcase in Excellence award for its efforts to provide urban recreational opportunities to the public.

The Heritage Fund is dedicated to the

conservation and enhancement of Arizona's wildlife, biological diversity, scenic wonders and environment. The fund also provides new opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education.

### Heritage Supports:

- Public Access
- Urban Wildlife
- Habitat Acquisition
- Habitat Evaluation & Protection
- Environmental Education
- Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection & Management

## Take Me Fishing!

There are numerous helpful how-to fishing resources available both online and in book form for anglers of all skill levels. These information sources are great places to find answers to most questions a novice or new fisherman may have.

### Take Me Fishing Website

**www.takemefishing.org** is a website dedicated to getting people outside and fishing with friends and family. This site features many links to anything



and everything about fishing. It is a resource that will be a valuable asset to any angler.

- **Where to fish:** An interactive map that pinpoints fishing hotspots and amenities all throughout the United States. Find a good spot near you.
- **How to Fish:** Everything you need to know about technique, presentation, hook set, landing the fish, and preparing your catch.
- **Fishopedia:** A listing of commonly sought after sport fish found throughout the 50 states, with tips on identification, where to find them, and how to fish for each of them.
- **Little Lunkers:** Children have a section of the site which uses fish-related games,

pictures, and stories to not only educate children about fishing, but to get them excited to go out with their family for a day of fun.

- **Community/Anglers Legacy:** The community aspect of this site is geared to create an atmosphere where new anglers are being brought into the fishing community by friends and family. Taking others fishing with you is a great way to share the rich legacy of fishing. Passing on fishing skills, tips, and memories will ensure future generations can enjoy the fun sport of fishing.



## Sport Fishing Education Program

**What is it?** The Arizona Game and Fish Department has a statewide Sport Fishing Education Program which teaches introductory fishing skills to people of all ages. Fishing clinics are led by Department sanctioned instructors. All educational materials, rods and reels, bait, and terminal tackle are provided at no charge. Topics of instruction include: where and when to fish; selecting tackle and bait; casting and rigging techniques; fishing safety and ethics; care of your catch; and much more.

**Schedule a Fishing Program for Your Group.** Groups of 25 or more are eligible to submit an online application requesting a sport fishing education program for their group at no charge. The majority of participants must be 8 years or older. The Department will provide a fishing instructor, up to 100 rods and reels, bait, and educational handouts. We will meet your group at a fishing location of your choice. Scheduling of group fishing programs is on a first come, first serve basis and available dates fill up fast.

**Open to the Public Fishing Programs.** Individuals, families or groups are welcome to attend our "Open to the Public" fishing events conducted throughout the year. For a schedule of programs, visit our website at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) and look under Education Programs, Sport Fishing Education, then to Schedule of Public Fishing Programs.

**Rod Loaner Program.** The Department has fishing equipment available for loan to the public. Loaner sites include the

Department's Phoenix headquarters office and six regional offices. Up to 100 rods and reels with tackle are available to borrow for up to a week.

**Become a Fishing Volunteer!** The Department is looking for qualified individuals who want to volunteer with the Sport Fishing Education Program. You don't have to be an expert angler to help others learn basic fishing skills. Be an active participant in Arizona's fishing legacy.

For information on Sport Fishing Education programs, rod loaner programs or volunteer opportunities, call (623) 236-7219 or visit our website at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).





## Where to Fish by Species in Arizona

The following list of waters are only some of the more popular places where these fish can be found. Because water conditions change rapidly please contact Arizona Game and Fish when planning your fishing trip. For the latest fishing reports, visit the Department's website at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov), or call (623) 236-7701.

**Bluegill (sunfish):** Canyon Lake, Goldwater Lake, Apache Lake, Roper Lake, Saguaro Lake, Lake Pleasant, Arivaca Lake, Lake Powell, Bartlett Lake, and designated Urban Fishing Program waters.

**Carp:** Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave, Lake Mead, Lake Powell, Roosevelt Lake, Bartlett Lake, Lake Pleasant, Saguaro Lake, Canyon Lake, and Apache Lake.

**Channel Catfish:** Canyon Lake, Apache Lake, Roosevelt Lake, Colorado River below Parker Dam, Saguaro Lake, Roosevelt Lake, Alamo Lake, Upper Lake Mary, Bartlett Lake, Lake Powell, Fool Hollow Lake, Lake Havasu, Show Low Lake, Rainbow Lake, Verde River, Topock Marsh, and designated Urban Fishing Program waters.

**Crappie:** Roosevelt Lake, Bartlett Lake, Lake Pleasant, and Alamo Lake.

**Flathead Catfish:** Saguaro Lake, Canyon Lake, Apache Lake, Lake Pleasant, Colorado River at Yuma, Topock Marsh, Roosevelt Lake, Bartlett Lake, the Verde River at Camp Verde and below Horseshoe Lake, the Gila River at Safford and Patagonia Lake.

**Grayling:** Lee Valley Reservoir.

**Largemouth Bass:** Alamo Lake, Apache Lake, Bartlett Lake, Roosevelt Lake, Canyon Lake, Saguaro Lake, Fool Hollow Lake, Rainbow Lake, Lake Havasu, Lake Mead, Lake Powell, Lake Pleasant, Mitty Lake,

Lake Mohave Tempe Town Lake and Topock Marsh.

**Northern Pike:** Upper Lake Mary, Long Lake, and Ashurst Lake.

**Smallmouth Bass:** Apache Lake, Lake Powell, Roosevelt Lake, Fool Hollow Lake, Verde River, Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave, Topock Gorge, and Colorado River at Parker Strip.

**Striped Bass:** Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave, Lake Mead, Lake Pleasant, and Lake Powell.

**Trout Waters:** Ashurst Lake, Bear Canyon, Becker Lake, Big Lake, Black Canyon Lake, Deadhorse Ranch State Park, West and East Fork of the Black River, Blue Ridge Reservoir, Canyon Creek near Payson, Chevelon Canyon Lake, West Clear Creek near Camp Verde, Crescent Lake, Goldwater Lake, J.D. Lake, Knoll Lake, Lee Valley Lake, Lees Ferry and the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, Colorado River below Davis Dam, Little Colorado River near Greer, Lake Mohave, Luna Lake, Lynx Lake, Nelson Reservoir, Oak Creek near Sedona, Parker Canyon Lake, River Reservoir, Salt River below Saguaro Lake, Show Low Lake, Tempe Town Lake, Tonto Creek near Payson, Verde River at Camp Verde, Woods Canyon Lake, White Horse Lake, Willow Springs Lake, and designated Urban Fishing Program waters (winter only).

**Walleye:** Apache Lake, Show Low Lake, Upper Lake Mary, Fool Hollow Lake and Lake Powell.

**White Bass:** Lake Pleasant.

**Yellow Bass:** Saguaro Lake, Canyon Lake, Apache Lake, Roosevelt Lake, and Upper Lake Mary.

## Fish Stocking and Arizona's Hatcheries

The stocking of hatchery-raised fish into Arizona's fishing waters is vital to meeting angler demand and expectations. Many of our lake and stream fisheries have reliable water supplies, abundant food supplies and key habitat for spawning and recruitment of fish. Once established with an initial fish stocking, Arizona's warm water rivers, lakes and reservoirs are generally not stocked because reproduction of resident bass, sunfish, catfish and other species is sufficient to repopulate the fishery and provide good fishing. Unfortunately, many of our cold water streams and lakes are lacking in one or more key requirements for trout to successfully reproduce and grow to adult size. Some streams become too warm or flow too slowly during the critical

spring spawning period, and some streams are lacking in quality spawning habitat or are overrun with crayfish that devour young fish. Trout require cold flowing water and well-oxygenated gravels to spawn; consequently, they are unable to successfully spawn in lakes and ponds. For these waters to support angling demand, they must be systematically and strategically stocked with hatchery-raised trout.

### Arizona's Hatcheries

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has six fish hatchery facilities. Three of them specialize in the production of catchable rainbow trout. Annually, our hatcheries produce one million catchable rainbow trout. Stockings take place

across the state, with higher-elevation waters stocked in the spring, summer and fall, and selected lower-elevation, warmwater lakes and streams stocked during winter months only. In the past year, our hatcheries stocked 76 locations across the state and made 577 stocking deliveries.

The hatcheries are the perfect destination for anyone seeking a new adventure. Grab your family and friends and drop by to see trout of all sizes being raised, feed some of our lunkers, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Hatcheries are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week except major holidays. Call (623) 236-7257 or visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) for locations and more details.

# Arizona State Fish Records

As reported to and verified by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Updated Nov. 12, 2010. For more current record listings, go to [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).

## INLAND WATERS – HOOK AND LINE

Species Name	Size	Location	Angler	Date
Bass, Largemouth	16 lb. 7.68 oz. 28.0 in.	Canyon Lake	Randall E. White, Mesa	4/22/97
Bass, Rock	0 lb. 12.96 oz. 10.25 in.	Upper Verde River	Eric Woolsey, Cottonwood	4/6/06
Bass, Smallmouth	7 lb. 0.96 oz. 22.75 in.	Roosevelt Lake	Dennis K. Barnhill, Mesa	3/18/88
Bass, Striped	29 lb. 13.76 oz. 45.25 in.	Lake Pleasant	Bob Liddington, Phoenix	7/13/10
Bass, White	4 lb. 11.7 oz. 19.5 in.	Lake Pleasant	David Amburgey, Peoria	4/72
Bass, Yellow	1 lb. 15.8 oz. 11.25 in.	Upper Lake Mary	Glenn D. Davis III, Flagstaff	5/19/95
Bluegill	3 lb. 15.68 oz. 15.75 in.	Goldwater Lake	Christopher Ray Mapes, Prescott Valley	5/2/04
Buffalo, Bigmouth	36 lb. 6.0 oz. 38.5 in.	Roosevelt Lake	Leon Stewart, Payson	3/14/95
Buffalo, Black	35 lb. 6.72 oz. 40.5 in.	Canyon Lake	David Hoenshell, Mesa	5/24/95
Bullhead, Black	2 lb. 6.1 oz. 16.5 in.	Parker Canyon Lake	Mikki St. George, Sierra Vista	9/9/02
Bullhead, Yellow	4 lb. 8.1 oz. 17.75 in.	Mormon Lake	Patricia Simmon, Phoenix	7/15/89
Carp	37 lb. 0.0 oz. 40.0 in.	Bartlett Lake	Jonathan Gardner, Phoenix	8/8/87
Catfish, Channel	32 lb. 4.0 oz. 38.75 in.	Parker Canyon Lake	Chuck Berndt, Sierra Vista	4/24/87
Catfish, Flathead	71 lb. 10.24 oz., 53 in.	San Carlos Lake	Adrian Manzanedo, Florence	01/05/03
Crappie, Black	4 lb. 10.0 oz. --in.	San Carlos Lake	John Shadrick, Mammoth	1959
Crappie, White	3 lb. 5.28 oz. 16.75 in.	Lake Pleasant	Robert Schnell, Glendale	2/22/82
Grayling, Arctic	1 lb. 9.76 oz. 14.65 in.	Lee Valley Lake	Glenn D. Davis III, Flagstaff	7/10/95
Northern Pike	32 lb. 5.6 oz. 49 in.	Ashurst Lake	Ronald Needs, Flagstaff	11/5/04
Roundtail Chub <sup>2</sup>	3 lb. 14.9 oz. 18.5 in.	Lower Salt River	Richard L. Walton, Chandler	3/3/84
Striped Mullet	5 lb. 2.24 oz. 23.75 in.	Fortuna Pond	Robert Bayles, Yuma	4/24/04
Sucker, Desert <sup>3</sup>	2 lb. 10.75 oz. 18.0 in.	Verde River	Edith Toney, Mesa	9/20/92
Sucker, Sonora	5 lb. 6.4 oz. 20.25 in.	Evelyn Hallman Park Lake	Jay Nocht, Phoenix	12/1/96
Sunfish, Green	1 lb. 9 oz. 11.0 in.	Parker Canyon Lake	Paul Bennett, Sierra Vista	7/27/96
Sunfish, Hybrid <sup>2</sup>	2 lb. 2.22 oz. 12.5 in.	Patagonia Lake	Mikey Alan Porter, Tucson	6/5/98
Sunfish, Redear	3 lb. 9.0 oz. 14.5 in.	Goldwater Lake	Jay Adkins, Prescott	8/12/93
Tilapia	7 lb. 8.8 oz. 20.0 in.	Saguaro Lake	Tim Alan Schoenecker, Gilbert	3/31/02
Trout, Apache <sup>3</sup>	5 lb. 15.5 oz. 24.0 in.	Hurricane Lake <sup>4</sup>	Lyle Hemphill, Lakeside	6/10/93
Trout, Brook	4 lb. 15.2 oz. 20.5 in.	Sunrise Lake <sup>4</sup>	Marshall Gregg, Whiteriver	10/20/95
Trout, Brown	22 lb. 14.5 oz. 36.0 in.	Reservation Lake <sup>4</sup>	Bryce Sisson, Prescott	8/6/99
Trout, Cutthroat	6 lb. 5.0 oz. 22.3 in.	Luna Lake	Eric James Walter, Tucson	10/76
Trout, Rainbow	15 lb. 9.12 oz. 32.5 in.	Willow Springs Lake	Harold Wright, Sun City	9/29/06
Walleye	16 lb. 1.76 oz. 31 in.	Show Low Lake	Gregg Munck, Show Low	11/18/02
White Amur (triploid)	47 lb. 1.6 oz. 46.5 in.	Encanto Park Lake	Kevin A. Baylor Jr., Phoenix	7/12/02
Yellow Perch	1 lb. 10.0 oz. 13.5 in.	Stoneman Lake	Art Ellico, Kingman	3/21/84

## INLAND WATERS – CATCH-AND-RELEASE <sup>1</sup>

Species Name	Size	Location	Angler	Date
Bass, Largemouth	28 in.	Lake Pleasant	Bill Wilson, Glendale	3/12/05
Bass, Smallmouth	23 in.	Roosevelt Lake	Ginger Wright, Tonto Basin	6/18/06
Bass, Striped	29 in.	Lake Pleasant	Bill Larson, Phoenix	11/9/06
Bass, White	18 in.	Lake Pleasant	Bradley Garraway, Phoenix	3/24/05
Bass, Yellow	13 in.	Roosevelt Lake	Tom Simpson, Pahrump, NV	12/10/08
Bluegill	10 in.	Lake Pleasant	Mark Moore, Glendale	01/31/06
Buffalo, Black	41 in.	Apache Lake	Bill Groseclose, Apache Junction	4/23/03
Carp	37 in.	McKellips Lake	Mack Hollen Jr., Phoenix	5/6/06
Catfish, Channel	32 in.	Fool Hollow Lake	Justin William Glen Hulbert, Show Low	4/10/09
Catfish, Flathead	53 in.	Roosevelt Lake	Andrew Srejic, Avondale	9/23/06
Crappie, Black	16 in.	Apache Lake	Ron Robinson, Alta Vista, IA	4/6/98
Crappie, White	13 in.	Lake Pleasant	Mary Moore, Glendale	01/31/06
Northern Pike	34 in.	Long Lake	Mark A. Halter, Cottonwood	6/27/09
Sucker, Sonora	22 in.	Lower Salt River	Brian Weisheim, Scottsdale	12/18/09
Sunfish, Hybrid	10 in.	Papago Ponds #2	Mack Hollen Jr., Phoenix	6/19/04
Sunfish, Redear	11 in.	Papago Ponds #2	Warren Hollen, Phoenix	7/3/04
Tilapia	18 in.	Tempe Town Lake	Brandon Williams, Scottsdale	4/29/09
Trout, Apache	27 in.	Silver Creek	Tim McGough, Scottsdale	10/2/09
Trout, Brook	13 in.	Crescent Lake	Brian Weisheim, Scottsdale	5/19/09
Trout, Brown	23 in.	Black River	Benjamin A. Payne, Tucson	6/23/07

Trout, Cutthroat	17 in.	Big Lake	Brian Weisheim, Scottsdale	4/28/09
Trout, Rainbow	32 in.	Silver Creek	Ben Sandall, Flagstaff	1/30/10
Walleye	33 in.	Fool Hollow Lake	Gregg Munck, Show Low	6/27/04
White Amur (triploid)	47 in.	Encanto Park Lake	Denny Noel, Phoenix	10/18/06

## INLAND WATERS – NON-HOOK AND LINE

Species Name	Size	Location	Angler	Date
Buffalo, Bigmouth (archery)	39 lb. 8.0 oz. 41.5 in.	Saguaro Lake	Michael T. Young, Mesa	3/28/90
Buffalo, Black (archery)	47 lb. 2.56 oz. 45 in.	Apache Lake	Bryan Darnell, Dewey	3/19/05
Buffalo, Smallmouth (archery)	38 lb. 8.0 oz. 36.0 in.	Canyon Lake	David Heater, Chandler	6/10/97
Carp (archery)	38 lb. 3.84 oz. 39 in.,	Saguaro Lake	Ronald Nuss Jr., Gilbert	4/24/08
Striped Mullet (archery)	9 lb. 1.6 oz. 27.25 in.,	Yuma Salinity Canal	Daniel S. Day, Yuma	5/2/04
Sonora Sucker (archery)	4 lb. 15.52 oz. 23.5 in.	Lower Salt River	Ronald Nuss, Jr., Mesa	4/28/97
Tilapia (archery)	7 lb. 15 oz. 20.25 in.,	Saguaro Lake	Michael T. Young, Mesa	4/26/04

## COLORADO RIVER WATERS – HOOK AND LINE

Species Name	Size	Location	Angler	Date
Bass, Largemouth	16 lb. 14.0 oz. 28.25 in.	Colorado River, Yuma	Dale Uden, Yuma	3/8/96
Bass, Smallmouth	5 lb. 2.72 oz. 21.5 in.	Colorado River, Parker	Gene Albers, Fontana, CA	2/8/97
Bass, Striped <sup>3</sup>	67 lb. 1.0 oz. 47.5 in.	Colorado River, Willow Beach	Jeff Smith, Henderson, NV	8/15/97
Bass, White	5 lb. 5.0 oz. 19.6 in.	Imperial Reservoir	Norman Mize, Chula Vista, CA	3/72
Bluegill	3 lb. 10.4 oz. 15.25 in.	CO River, Laughlin Lake	Michael Tahash, Laughlin, NV	9/14/10
Bullhead, Yellow	2 lb. 8.8 oz. 15.5 in.	Colo. R. near Bullhead City	Douglas R. Pinotti, Mesa	3/24/86
Carp	42 lb. 0.0 oz. 43.0 in.	Lake Havasu	Gary Ramsfield, L. Havasu City	3/79
Catfish, Channel	35 lb. 4.0 oz. 38.0 in.	Topock Marsh	Wando L. Tull, Barstow, CA	1952
Catfish, Flathead	74 lb. 0.0 oz. 51.5 in.	CO River - Laguna Dam	Walter Wilson, Bard, CA	5/11/98
Crappie, Black	2 lb. 12.0 oz. 16.0 in.	Havasu Springs, Lake Havasu	Julie Grammer, Makanda, IL	3/11/96
Pacific Tenpounder	12.6 oz. 15.75 in.	Near Pilot Knob	Charles Reel, Jr., Yuma	6/13/81
Striped Mullet	9 lb. 8.0 oz. 25.5 in.	Colo. River/Gila R. confluence	Buddy E. Fike, Glendale	3/76
Sucker, Razorback <sup>2,5</sup>	9 lb. 13.0 oz. 29.0 in.	Co. River, Lake Havasu	Freeman Summers, Lk Havasu City	1/23/78
Sunfish, Green	1 lb. 5.28 oz. 11.5 in.	Lake Havasu	Jose Orozco, Poston	7/16/97
Sunfish, Hybrid <sup>2</sup>	3 lb. 1.28 oz. 16.0 in.	Colorado River, Parker	Rob Woodford, Bullhead City	10/12/00
Sunfish, Redear	4 lb. 2.24 oz. 15.5 in.	Lake Havasu	David J. Smith, Torrance, CA	2/16/10
Tilapia	6 lb. 2.72 oz. 19 in.	Colorado River, Parker	A. Clark Wellard, Pocatello, ID	1/27/06
Trout, Brook	5 lb. 4.0 oz. 19.0 in.	Lee's Ferry	Moe Beck, Glendale	3/6/82
Trout, Brown	17 lb. 0.0 oz. 32.0 in.	Last Chance Bay, Lake Powell	Chuck Holland, Phoenix	5/1/71
Trout, Cutthroat	9 lb. 8.0 oz. 30.5 in.	South of Davis Dam	Jeff Vincent, Mohave Mesa	8/79
Trout, Rainbow	21 lb. 5.5 oz. –in.	Willow Beach	John Reid, Las Vegas, NV	9/66
Walleye	8 lb. 1.0 oz. 29.0 in.	Lake Powell	Bud Clifford, Phoenix	5/77
Warmouth	12.0 oz. 10.0 in.	Senator Lake	Patrick R. Ferguson, Yuma	3/74

## COLORADO RIVER WATERS – CATCH-AND-RELEASE <sup>1</sup>

Species Name	Size	Location	Angler	Date
Bass, Largemouth	28 in.	Lower Colorado River	David Percell, Bullhead City	2/17/04
Bass, Smallmouth	22 in.	Lake Havasu	Jeffrey Dean, Lake Havasu City	2/12/05
Bass, Striped	45 in.	Colorado River, Bullhead City	Kenan Guleryuz, Bullhead City	10/4/10
Carp	48 in.	Lake Mohave	Gary Sweet, Bullhead City	10/20/07
Warmouth	10 in.	Colorado River, Imperial Dam	Barbara Harp, Mackay, ID	3/26/06
White Amur (triploid)	44 in.	Colorado River, Yuma	Richard Halliwill, Nutrioso	4/9/09

## COLORADO RIVER WATERS – NON-HOOK AND LINE

Species Name	Size	Location	Angler	Date
Carp (archery)	23 lb. 4.0 oz. 37.5 in.	Colorado River, Imperial Dam	Gil Blum, Wittmann	2/4/95
Striped Mullet (archery)	3 lb. 13.0 oz. 21.0 in.	Colorado River, Yuma	Dell Owens, Phoenix	5/19/91
Tilapia (archery)	7 lb. 11.0 oz. 19.38 in.	Colorado River, Imperial Dam	Kenny Marler, Yuma	9/21/96

## Notes

Records are based upon weight recorded on state-certified (legal for trade) scales and two witnesses to the weighing. Record fish must be available for inspection by Department personnel. New record fish must outweigh the standing record for the species by at least one full ounce. Fish taken from

private waters that are closed to public access are not eligible for record status.

1. Based on total length only and rounded down to nearest inch. New entries must exceed existing entry by at least 1 inch.
2. Larger than current all-tackle world record

listed by the International Game Fish Assn. and the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame.

3. World record for all tackle as verified by the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame.
4. Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
5. Species now protected, may not be taken.

# Arizona Fish Entry Form

(Use this form or a copy for all Arizona State Records, Statewide or Urban Fish-of-the-Year, or Catch-and-Release entries.)

☐ Yes, the Arizona Game and Fish Department may use my photo for promotional purposes.

Angler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_  
Common Name Scientific Name

Date Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified Weight (Rule #1) \_\_\_\_\_ lbs (for example, 3.18 lbs)

Total Length (Rule #2) \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Location of Catch (Rule #3): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Lure or Bait \_\_\_\_\_

Species Identified By (Rule #4): \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by (Rule #5): \_\_\_\_\_

Scale Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Scale Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date or Certification Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses to Weight (except catch-and-release entries):

We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish described above and attest to the weight and length as listed (Rule #1, 2, 6).

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your completed entry form and photograph to:  
Arizona Game and Fish Department, Fisheries Branch  
5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, AZ 85086

(check applicable box)	Kept	Catch and Release
State Record	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statewide Fish-of-the-Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urban Fish-of-the-Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Requirements For Reporting

- Rule #1 Fish must be weighed on a certified fair trade scale in pounds. Scale location, register number and expiration date of scale certification must be recorded on entry form. Fish should be weighed whole and ungutted. The Department reserves the right to cut open any fish after weighing. (Rule #1 not required for catch-and-release entries).
- Rule #2 Length of the fish must be measured by a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the compressed tail in inches.
- Rule #3 Fish must be caught in Arizona waters including the Colorado River where it borders Mexico, California and Nevada, and all of Lake Powell. Fish must be taken during the legal open season and by the legal method of take for the water where taken. Any illegal act associated with taking or handling of the fish will disqualify the record.
- Rule #4 Identification of species must be verified by a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. A photograph of the fish is required for the record file and for identification purposes.
- Rule #5 Angler must provide a valid Fishing License number. A photo copy of the current valid license, or verification by a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, is required.
- Rule #6 If the weights and measurements are not witnessed by the Department personnel, two witnesses must be present at the time the fish is weighed and measured (except catch-and-release entries).
- Rule #7 The Arizona Game and Fish Department reserves the right to further check identification and/or verification of witnesses and to refuse an application that is questionable.
- Rule #8 Fish taken from private waters that are closed to public access are not eligible for Record or Fish-of-the-Year.
- Rule #9 Eligible fish species for both State record and Fish-of-the-Year entries are those sportfish listed under the current State records. Illegally released fish species from pet and aquarium trades are not eligible for a State record or Fish-of-the-Year.
- Rule #10 In the event of any dispute regarding the authenticity of the fish record application, the fish must be made available for inspection by Arizona Game and Fish Department personnel. The determination made by Department personnel shall be conclusive.

## Catch-and-Release Record Program

The *Catch-and-Release State Record Program* requires only an accurate, total-length measurement (no weight) and a photograph. This record program is designed to minimize fish stress and maximize fish survival for those who wish to return fish to the water. It is based on the principle that the less you restrain and handle a fish after capture (live well transport, weight handling, re-release, etc.) the greater the likelihood of survival. Here is a highlight of the rules:

- Catch-and-Release state record fish are recognized by length in inches only (longest measurement from the snout or nose to the tip of the compressed tail).

- Total length of the fish must be measured. A clear photo verifying the species and length must be included with the entry form, include a tape measure, ruler or other measuring device next to the fish in the photograph.
- All fractions of length will be rounded down to the nearest inch.
- New catch-and-release record must exceed existing record by at least 1 inch.

Witnesses to the capture of Catch and Release fish entries are desirable, however, the program is honor-based and witnesses are not mandatory.



# Fish Weighing Scales at a Location Near You

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has placed 26 fish weighing scales at locations across the state. The scales are intended to ease the difficulty many anglers have had finding certified scales to weigh their record fish catches. The purchase of these scales is another example of the partnership between the Nongame Endangered Wildlife Program through the state Tax Checkoff Project, the Sportfish Restoration Program, and anglers. The fate of sportfishing and conservation of aquatic species are firmly connected and the success of each program is integral to the other. Remember to check the appropriate box on your state tax form to contribute to the Nongame Endangered Wildlife Program.

## Phoenix Area

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*

7200 E. University Ave.  
Mesa, AZ 85207  
(480) 981-9400  
Hours Mon–Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*

5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, AZ 85086  
(602) 942-3000  
Hours: Mon–Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 120 pounds

### *Apache Lake Marina*

P.O. Box 15627  
Tortilla Flat, AZ 85290  
Hours: Mon–Sun 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

### *Canyon Lake Marina*

Hours: Mon–Sun 24 hours  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

### *Saguaro Lake Marina*

Hours: Mon–Sun 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

### *The Butcher Hook Gas Station*

Highway 188 (mp 259)  
Tonto Basin, AZ 85553  
(928) 479-2714  
Hours: Mon–Fri 5:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Sat–Sun 5:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

### *Roosevelt Lake Marina Store*

Highway 188  
Roosevelt, AZ 85545  
(928) 467-2245  
Hours: Mon–Sun 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

### *Killmer's Kountry Store*

HC02 Box 115  
Globe, AZ 85501  
(928) 425-0700  
Hours: Mon–Sun 5:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 120 pounds

### *Liar's Corner*

9529 E. Apache Trail  
Mesa, AZ  
(480) 986-2515  
Hours: Mon–Sat 6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.;  
Sun 6:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

## Tucson Area

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*

555 N. Greasewood Rd.  
Tucson, AZ  
(520) 628-5376  
Hours: Mon–Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

### *Saguaro Bait and Tackle*

5552 E. Speedway  
Tucson, AZ  
(520) 245-0003  
Hours: Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.;  
Sat 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

## Patagonia Lake

### *Marina Cove Store at Patagonia Lake State Park*

(520) 287-6063  
Hours: Mon–Sun 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 120 pounds

## Sierra Vista

### *KH Outdoors*

430 N. 7th St.  
Sierra Vista, AZ  
(520) 459-8095  
Hours: Mon–Sat 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

## Yuma Area

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*

9140 E. 28th St.  
Yuma, AZ  
(928) 342-0091  
Hours: Mon–Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 120 pounds

### *Alamo Lake State Park Store*

38 miles north of Wenden at the lake  
Hours: Mon–Sun 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

### *Fisher's Landing*

Martinez Lake Road  
Yuma, AZ  
11 miles W. on Martinez Lake Rd.  
from Hwy 95 (MP 46.9)

Winter hours: Mon–Sun 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Summer hours: Mon–Thurs 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; Fri–Sun 7:00 a.m. to dusk

Scale Capacity: 120 pounds

### *Sportsmen's Hide-A-Way*

1645 S. Engler Ave.  
Yuma, AZ  
Hours: Mon–Sat 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

## Lake Havasu

### *Bass Tackle Master (.com)*

362 London Bridge Rd., Suite 1  
Lake Havasu, AZ  
Hours: Mon–Fri 6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.;  
Sat 6:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.;  
Sun 6:00 a.m.–noon  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

## Flagstaff Area

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*

3500 S. Lake Mary Rd.  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
(928) 774-5045  
Hours: Mon–Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

## Kingman Area

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*

5325 N. Stockton Hill Road  
Kingman, AZ 86409  
(928) 692-7700  
Hours: Mon–Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale capacity: 60 pounds

### *Willow Beach Store*

25804 N. Willow Beach Rd.  
Willow Beach, AZ 86445  
(928) 767-4747  
Summer Hours:  
Mon–Sun 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.;  
Winter Hours:  
Mon–Sun 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 120 pounds

## Prescott

### *Walmart*

3050 E. State Route 69  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 445-1113  
Open 24 hours  
Scale capacity: 30 pounds

## Bullhead

### *Riviera Marina*

520 Riviera Blvd  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
(928) 763-8550  
Hours: Mon–Sun 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Scale capacity: 60 pounds

## Pinetop Area

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*

2878 E. White Mountain Blvd.  
Pinetop, AZ 85935  
(928) 367-4281  
Hours: Mon–Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds

### *Big Lake Store*

(928) 521-1387  
Hours: Summer 6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; Spring/Fall 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Closed Winter

### *Lone Eagle Outdoors*

1898 Highway 260  
Heber, AZ 85928  
(928) 535-4323  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
everyday except Wednesdays  
Scale Capacity: 30 pounds



## Fish Consumption and Your Health

Fishing is a great way to spend time with friends and family. Eating fish is a contributor to your overall health and is an excellent source of protein and omega-3 fatty acids, which benefit heart health. **The American Heart Association recommends eating fish at least twice a week.**

However, some types of fish (store-bought or sport-caught) from some locations, may contain elevated levels of mercury or other environmental contaminants. The amount of these substances in the fish's flesh is generally highest in older, larger, predatory fish.

The benefits and risks of eating fish vary depending on a person's stage of life:

- Children and pregnant women are advised by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to avoid eating fish with high levels of mercury contamination.
- For middle-aged and older men and postmenopausal women, the benefits of fish consumption far outweigh the potential risks when the amount of fish eaten is within the recommendations established by the FDA and Environmental Protection Agency (see EPA website [www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/publicinfo.html](http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/publicinfo.html)).

Fish consumption guidelines are primarily designed to protect pregnant women, women of child bearing age, children and anglers who regularly consume fish in larger quantities over long periods of time. This information is not intended to discourage you from eating fish but to guide you in making healthy choices. Don't stop eating fish; just be careful of the fish and amounts you eat, and where they come from.

Working with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, we investigate areas where there may be concern for environmental contaminants in fish. In Arizona, mercury and pesticides have been found in several waters affecting various species. Based on these investigations, public advisories from the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Department of Environmental Quality have been developed, and anglers are advised to limit the consumption of certain kinds of fish.

***Please examine the Site Specific Fish Consumption Advisories table on the following page.***

## Health and Environmental Information

### Preventing the Spread of Whirling Disease

Whirling disease is a parasitic infection that attacks juvenile trout, eventually killing them. The disease is transmitted primarily by infected fish or fish parts, or fishing equipment and wading gear. Whirling disease is not a human health concern. The Arizona Game and Fish Department continues to monitor and test for any presence of the disease.

You can help prevent the spread of whirling disease in the following ways:

- Do not transport live fish or fish parts from one body of water to another.
- Rinse all mud and debris from equipment and wading gear, and drain water from boats before leaving the infected water.
- Allow gear to dry thoroughly before next use.

For more information, visit the Initiative's website at [www.whirlingdisease.montana.edu](http://www.whirlingdisease.montana.edu).



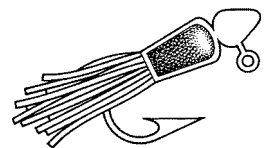
### Lead and Fishing

Some kinds of fishing equipment such as sinkers and jigs are made from lead, which can be dangerous to the health of humans and wildlife. You can reduce your exposure to lead from fishing equipment by following a few simple guidelines:

- Never put lead in your mouth (use pliers to close sinkers around fishing line).
- Don't touch or eat food after handling lead fishing equipment without washing your hands first.
- Don't let small children handle lead fishing equipment.

Some birds have been poisoned by eating lead fishing equipment because they mistake it for food. Although there is little evidence that this occurs often in Arizona, you can help to assure that this does not happen. To prevent wildlife exposure to lead:

- Consider using alternatives to lead when you purchase fishing equipment (steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin, or glass weights).
- Make reasonable attempts to recover any lost equipment made from lead.
- Clean up any lead fishing tackle you find on shore.



# Site Specific Fish Consumption Advisories

WATERBODY NAME	SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION	ADVISED CONSUMPTION RATES (BASED ON UNCOOKED PORTION)
Alamo Lake	Mercury contamination Sources being investigated include: atmospheric deposition, naturally mineralized soils and abandoned mines	Children under age 16: No consumption of largemouth bass, channel catfish or black crappie Women of childbearing age: One 8 oz. fish meal per month of largemouth bass, channel catfish or black crappie All other adult women: Same consumption rate as for women of childbearing age unless a physician supports a higher rate Adult men (16 yrs. or older): Four 8 oz. fish meals per month of largemouth bass, or black crappie. Six 8 oz. fish meals per month of channel catfish
Arivaca Lake	Mercury contamination Sources may include atmospheric deposition and naturally mineralized soils	Do not consume fish and other aquatic organisms
Coors Lake	Mercury contamination Sources being investigated include: atmospheric deposition, naturally mineralized soils and abandoned mines	Children under the age of 16: No consumption of largemouth bass Women of childbearing age: One 8 oz. fish meal per month of largemouth bass All other adult women: Same consumption rate as for women of childbearing age unless a physician supports a higher rate Adult men (16 yrs. or older): Four 8 oz. fish meals per month of largemouth bass Bluegill and crappie – there are no limits on consumption
Dysart Drain (a canal that drains to the Agua Fria River)	Historic use of pesticides	Do not consume fish and other aquatic organisms
Lake Pleasant	Mercury contamination Sources to be investigated	Children under the age of six: No consumption of largemouth bass Women of childbearing age and children between the ages of 6 and 16: One 8 oz. fish meal per month of largemouth bass All other adult women: Same consumption rate as for women of childbearing age unless a physician supports a higher rate Adult men (16 years or older): Five 8 oz. fish meals per month of largemouth bass
Lyman Lake	Mercury contamination Sources being investigated include: aerial deposition and naturally mineralized soils	Children under age of 6: No consumption of walleye, largemouth bass or channel catfish Children between the ages of 6 and 16: no consumption of walleye or largemouth bass; one 8 oz fish meal per month of channel catfish Women of childbearing age: One 8 oz. fish meal per month of walleye, largemouth bass or channel catfish All other adult women: Same consumption rate as for women of childbearing age unless a physician supports a higher rate Adult men (16 yrs. or older): Three 8 oz. fish meals per month of walleye and largemouth bass; five 8 oz. fish meals per month of channel catfish
Painted Rocks Reservoir, Painted Rock Borrow, Pit Lake, and portions of the Gila, Salt, and Hassayampa rivers	Historic use of pesticides	Do not consume fish and other aquatic organisms
Parker Canyon Lake	Mercury contamination Sources being investigated	Children under age of 6: No consumption of largemouth bass, bluegill or pike Children between the ages of 6 and 16: no consumption of largemouth bass; one 8 oz fish meal per month of bluegill or pike Women of childbearing age: One 8 oz. fish meal per month of largemouth bass or bluegill; two 8 oz fish meals per month of pike All other adult women: Same consumption rate as for women of childbearing age unless a physician supports a higher rate Adult men (16 yrs. or older): Three 8 oz. fish meals per month of largemouth bass; five 8 oz fish meals per month of bluegill; six 8 oz fish meals per month of pike Trout – there are no limits on consumption
Peña Blanca Lake	Mercury contamination caused by historic mining	Do not consume fish and other aquatic organisms Except trout – there are no limits on consumption
Roosevelt Lake	Mercury contamination Sources to be investigated	Children under the age of six years: No consumption of largemouth bass or channel catfish Women of childbearing age and children between the ages of 6 and 16: One 8 oz. fish meal per month of largemouth bass or channel catfish Pregnant women: Consume only largemouth bass below 13 inches at the consumption rate advised for women of child bearing age All other adult women: Same consumption rate as for women of childbearing age unless a physician supports a higher rate Adult men (16 years or older): Five 8 oz. fish meals per month of largemouth bass or channel catfish
Soldier Lake, Soldier Annex Lake, Long Lake	Mercury contamination Sources being investigated	Do not consume any fish caught from these lakes Except trout – there are no limits on consumption
Upper and Lower Lake Mary	Mercury contamination Sources being investigated	Do not consume walleye fish and limit consumption of other fish species to one 8 oz. fillet per month Trout – there are no limits on consumption

# Angler Access Restrictions

*In addition to fishing area and season closures identified on pages 12-25, other fishing areas may be seasonally closed due to bald eagle breeding areas and/or Wildlife Area restrictions.*

## BALD EAGLE CLOSURES

The Arizona Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with the Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee and land management agencies, closes sensitive bald eagle breeding areas along Arizona's rivers and lakes during six months of the year. The closures prevent public entry and deter human activity during critical times of the breeding cycle. You can identify the closure areas by looking for No Entry signs on roads, trails and at boat ramps, and No Entry buoys on the water. For additional information on any closure, contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Nongame Branch, (623) 236-7506.

### Lakes With Bald Eagle Breeding Closure Areas

- **Alamo Lake** – A portion of upper Alamo Lake may be closed to watercraft from Jan. 1 to June 30. Contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Region IV, Yuma, (928) 342-0091.
- **Becker Lake** – A portion of the lake may be closed to watercraft and a portion of the shoreline may be closed to foot entry from Feb. 1 through June 30. Contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Region I, Pinetop, (928) 367-4281.
- **Greer Lakes** (Tunnel, Bunch and River) – Portions of the lakes may be closed to watercraft and a portion of the shoreline may be closed to foot entry from March 1 through July 31. Contact the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, Springerville Ranger District, (928) 333-4372.
- **Lake Pleasant** – No vehicle, watercraft, or foot entry is allowed into the Lower Agua Fria River Arm from Dec. 15 to June 15. Contact Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, (928) 501-1710.
- **Lower Lake Mary** – There is no vehicle or foot traffic allowed on a portion of the north side of the lake from Jan. 1 to Aug. 30. Contact the Coconino National Forest, Mormon Lake Ranger District, (928) 774-1147.
- **Luna Lake** – There is no vehicle or foot traffic allowed on the north side from Jan. 1 to June 15. Contact Apache National Forest, Alpine Ranger District, (928) 339-4384.
- **Lynx Lake** – Portions of the lake may be closed to vehicle or foot traffic and a portion of the shoreline may be closed to watercraft from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw Ranger District, (928) 443-8000.
- **Woods Canyon Lake** – A portion of the lake may be closed to watercraft and a portion of the shoreline may be closed to foot entry from April 1 through August 31. Contact the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, Black Mesa Ranger District, (928) 535-7300.

### Rivers/Creeks with Bald Eagle Breeding Closure Areas

#### Verde River

- Verde River below Sycamore Canyon Wilderness is closed to foot and vehicle entry from Dec. 1 to June 15. Floating through is allowed. Contact Coconino National Forest, Sedona Ranger District, (928) 282-4119.
- Verde River near Chasm Creek is closed to foot and vehicle entry from Dec. 1 to June 15. Floating through is allowed. Contact Prescott National Forest, Verde Ranger District, (928) 567-4121.
- Verde River near Cold Water Creek, allows watercraft to float through but no stopping on the river or landing is allowed Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact Prescott National Forest, Verde Ranger District, (928) 567-4121.
- Verde River near East Verde River, allows watercraft to float through but no stopping on the river or landing is allowed Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, (928) 595-3300.
- Verde River near Mule Shoe Bend, allows watercraft to float through but no stopping in the river or landing is allowed from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, (480) 595-3300.
- Verde River below Horseshoe Dam may be closed to vehicle or foot entry on the southwest side of the river from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed, but no stopping in the river or landing on the southwest side of the river is allowed. Contact Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, (480) 595-3300.
- Verde River below Bartlett Dam is closed to foot or vehicle entry from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed. Contact Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, (480) 595-3300.
- Verde River at the Needle Rock Recreation area is closed to foot and vehicle entry on the east side of

the river from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed, but no stopping in the river or landing on east side of river is allowed. Contact Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, (480) 595-3300.

#### Tonto Creek

- Tonto Creek from Gisela to 76 Ranch is closed to vehicle, foot entry, and floating through from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact Tonto National Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District (928) 467-3200.
- Tonto Creek inlet to Roosevelt Lake is closed to vehicle and foot entry within 1000 feet of the nest on land, and to watercraft within 300 feet on water from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact Tonto National Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District (928) 467-3200.

#### Salt River

- Salt River from Horseshoe Bend to Redmond Flat allows watercraft to float through, but no stopping in the river or landing is allowed from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger District, (928) 402-6200.
- Salt River near Meddler Point is closed to vehicle and foot entry within 1000 feet of the nest on land, and to watercraft within 300 feet on water from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact Tonto National Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District (928) 467-3200.
- Salt River below Stewart Mountain Dam, is closed to vehicle or foot entry on the south side of the river from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District, (480) 610-3300.
- Salt River near Goldfield-Kerr Fire Station is closed to foot and vehicle entry on the north side of the river from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed. Contact Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District, (480) 610-3300.

## ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT WILDLIFE AREA RESTRICTIONS (R12-4-802)

The following Wildlife Areas have seasonal closures that may affect fishing access to a portion of these lakes:

- **Becker Lake Wildlife Area:** Posted portions may be closed to public entry from Dec 15 to June 30 annually.
- **Luna Lake Wildlife Area:** Posted portions closed to public entry from Feb. 15 to July 31 annually.
- **Mittry Lake Wildlife Area:** Posted portions closed to public entry from Nov 15 to Feb 15 annually.
- **Roosevelt Lake Wildlife Area:** Posted portions closed to public entry from Nov 15 to Feb 15 annually.



## Accessible Fishing Opportunities

**Bartlett Lake** (21 miles east of Cave Creek)  
Rattlesnake Recreation Site

- Parking, restrooms, fishing piers

**Becker Lake** (2 miles west of Springerville)

- Designated fishing pier, parking

**Big Lake** (25 miles south of Eagar)

- Parking, restrooms

**Black Canyon Lake** (16 miles southwest of Heber)

- Parking close to shoreline, shoreline access

**Canyon Lake** (18 miles north of Apache Junction)

LaBarge Cove

- Parking, fishing piers, restrooms, picnic facilities

Palo Verde Recreation Area

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, parking, restrooms

**Crescent Lake** (22 miles south of Eagar)

- Parking, restrooms

**Fain Lake** (City of Prescott Valley)

- Restrooms, paved fishing access

**Fool Hollow Lake** (4 miles west of Show Low)

- Parking, restrooms, fishing dock

**Kaibab Lake** (2 miles north of Williams)

- Designated fishing pier

**Lake Havasu (near Lake Havasu City)**

Mesquite Cove

- Parking, restrooms, fishing piers

Site Six

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, parking, restrooms, fishing pier

Bill Williams Refuge Headquarters

- Parking, restrooms, fishing dock, lighted pathway

Take-Off Point

- Parking, restrooms

Windsor Beach State Park

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, parking, restrooms

**Lake Mary, Upper** (17 miles southeast of Flagstaff)

Day Use Site #2

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, parking, restrooms

**Lake Mohave** (5 miles north of Bullhead City)

Katherine Landing,

- Restrooms, fishing pier

**Lake Pleasant** (15 miles north of Peoria)  
10 lane boat ramp

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, parking, restrooms

**Lake Powell** (5 miles north of Page)

Wahweep

- Developed fishing pier

**Lynx Lake** (7 miles east of Prescott)

- Fishing pier, interpretive trail, parking, restrooms

**Mittry Lake** (14 miles north of Yuma)

- Parking, fishing jetty, asphalt trail, restrooms, boat dock

**Nelson Reservoir** (8 miles southwest of Springerville)

- Parking, fishing ramadas, restrooms

**Parker Canyon Lake** (30 miles southwest of Sierra Vista)

- Parking, restrooms, fishing piers

**Patagonia Lake** (10 miles northeast of Nogales)

- Parking, restrooms, dock

**Redondo Pond**

- Parking, fishing pier

**Riggs Flat Lake** (15 miles southwest of Safford)

- Parking, trail access to shoreline

**Roosevelt Lake** (26 miles northwest of Globe)

Cholla Recreation Area

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, passenger loading platform, parking, restrooms

**Roper Lake** (6 miles south of Safford)

- Accessible dock, restrooms, parking

**Rose Canyon Lake** (30 miles north of Tucson)

- Parking, restrooms, shoreline access

**Saguaro Lake** (20 miles north of Mesa)  
Butcher Jones Cove

- Parking, restrooms, fishing piers

Keyhole

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, parking, restrooms, picnic facilities, fishing piers

**Topock Marsh** (4 miles north of Golden Shores)

Catfish Paradise

- Restrooms, boat ramp

**Willow Springs Lake** (17 miles west of Heber)

- Boat ramp and courtesy dock, parking, restrooms

**Woodland Lake** (Pinetop/Lakeside)

- Parking, restrooms, fishing dock

**All 21 designated Urban Fishing Lakes**

(Consult the 2011 or 2012 Urban Fishing Program guidebook for locations in the Phoenix and Tucson areas as well as Payson)

- Parking, restrooms, shade, shoreline access, picnic facilities

## Illegal Fish Stocking – Stealing Your Angling Future!

### Illegal fish stocking threatens your fishing by:

- Introducing predators and competitors to existing sport fish and sensitive species;
- Introducing invasive species such as quagga mussels, giant salvinia or others;
- Introducing diseases, such as bass virus, hemorrhagic septicemia, or others;
- Introducing and spreading harmful algae such as golden algae and nuisance plants;



These introductions jeopardize the productivity and possibly the actual existence of your fisheries – in effect stealing your future!

**It is illegal to stock fish or aquatic wildlife including crayfish, frogs and turtles.** Illegal fish stocking, and everything else moved along with them, plants, mussels, viruses, harmful algae, etc., threaten the quality and future of our fishing waters.

### *Stop the theft of your angling future!*

If you observe or know of someone stocking Arizona waters, report it to **Operation Game Thief** at 1 (800) 352-0700. Information leading to an arrest may be rewarded up to \$1,000. Anyone found guilty of illegally stocking fish or aquatic wildlife may be subject to revocation of hunting and fishing privileges and civil assessments to remedy the impacts of their illegal acts – possibly costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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## Violators Steal Your Fish – Help Us Catch Game Thieves!

### Poaching is not fishing! Poachers are not fishermen!

Do the right thing. Report a violator. Your tip can make the difference in apprehending a fish thief.

#### **A 24/7 hotline to report fish and wildlife violations**

Report a violation. Rewards of \$50-\$1,000 are offered for information leading to an arrest for fishing violations. Callers can remain anonymous. Call **1-800-352-0700**.

Bag and possession limits provide everyone with a chance at a quality fishing experience and protect the fishery. Any angler that keeps or gives away more than their limit is breaking the law—they are thieves stealing fish from you and other responsible anglers.

Your help is needed to catch these violators. If you witness

an angler keeping more than the daily bag and possession limit, fishing without a license, fishing with more than two poles at the same time, or not complying with other fishing rules, contact the Game Thief Hotline to report the violation.

Reported violations are prioritized based on the quality of the information provided. Because the Department has a limited number of Wildlife Officers statewide, it is not possible to have an immediate response to every call. That is why it is important that you be a good witness so that follow-up by an officer can be conducted.



Call to report a violation or visit:  
[www.azgfd.gov/thief](http://www.azgfd.gov/thief)

#### **Be a good witness:**

- Recognize what specific activities are violations.
- Do not put yourself in danger or confront the violator.
- Write down the date, time and specific park and lake location.
- Write down a description of the person(s) (physical and clothing).
- If possible, get the vehicle description and license plate number.
- Try to take pictures or video of the violation and violator.
- Call or go online to report the violation as soon as possible.

## A.R.S. 17-101

### Definitions

A. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Angling" means the taking of fish by one line and not to exceed two hooks, by one line and one artificial lure, which may have attached more than one hook, or by one line and not to exceed two artificial flies or lures.
2. "Bag limit" means the maximum limit, in number or amount, of wildlife which may lawfully be taken by any one person during a specified period of time.
3. "Closed season" means the time during which wildlife may not be lawfully taken.
4. "Commission" means the Arizona game and fish commission.
5. "Department" means the Arizona game and fish department.
6. "Device" means any net, trap, snare, salt lick, scaffold, deadfall, pit, explosive, poison or stupefying substance, crossbow, firearm, bow and arrow, or other implement used for taking wildlife. Device does not include a raptor or any equipment used in the sport of falconry.
7. "Falconry" means the sport of hunting or taking quarry with a trained raptor.
8. "Fishing" means to lure, attract or pursue aquatic wildlife in such a manner that the wildlife may be captured or killed.
9. "Fur dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying for resale the raw pelts or furs of wild mammals.
10. "Guide" means a person who, for pay, aids or assists any person in taking wildlife.
11. "License year" means the twelve-month period between January 1 and December 31, inclusive.
12. "Nonresident" means a citizen of the United States or an alien who has not been a bona fide resident of the state of Arizona for six months immediately preceding the date of application for a license.
13. "Open season" means the time during which wildlife may be lawfully taken.
14. "Possession limit" means the maximum limit, in number or amount of wildlife, which may be possessed at one time by any one person.
15. "Resident" means a person who has been a bona fide resident of the state of Arizona for six months immediately preceding the date of application for a license, or a member of the armed forces who has been stationed in Arizona for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the date of application for a license.
16. "Road" means any maintained right-of-way for public conveyance.
17. "Statewide" means all lands except those areas lying within the boundaries of state and federal refuges, parks and monuments, unless specifically provided differently by commission order.
18. "Take" means pursuing, shooting, hunting,

fishing, trapping, killing, capturing, snaring or netting wildlife or the placing or using of any net or other device or trap in a manner that may result in the capturing or killing of wildlife.

19. "Taxidermist" means any person who engages for hire in the mounting, refurbishing, maintaining, restoring or preserving of any display specimen.
  20. "Traps" or "trapping" means taking wildlife in any manner except with a gun or other implement in hand.
  21. "Wild" means, in reference to mammals and birds, those species which are normally found in a state of nature.
  22. "Wildlife" means all wild mammals, wild birds and the nests or eggs thereof, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans, and fish, including their eggs or spawn.
  23. "Zoo" means a commercial facility open to the public where the principal business is holding wildlife in captivity for exhibition purposes.
- B. The following definitions of wildlife shall apply:
1. Aquatic wildlife are all fish, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans and soft-shelled turtles.
  8. Nongame animals are all wildlife except game mammals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals and aquatic wildlife.
  13. Game fish are trout of all species, bass of all species, catfish of all species, sunfish of all species, northern pike, walleye and yellow perch.
  14. Nongame fish are all the species of fish except game fish.
  15. Trout means all species of the family salmonidae, including grayling.

(law not cited in entirety)

## A.R.S. 17-301

### Times when wildlife may be taken; exceptions; methods of taking

- A. A person may take wildlife, except aquatic wildlife, only during daylight hours unless otherwise prescribed by the commission. A person shall not take any species of wildlife by the aid or with the use of a jacklight, other artificial light, or illegal device, except as provided by the commission.
- B. A person shall not take wildlife, except aquatic wildlife, or discharge a firearm or shoot any other device from a motor vehicle, including an automobile, aircraft, train or powerboat, or from a sailboat, boat under sail, or a floating object towed by powerboat or sailboat except as expressly permitted by the commission. No person may knowingly discharge any firearm or shoot any other device upon, from, across or into a road or railway.

- C. Fish may be taken only by angling unless otherwise provided by the commission. The line shall be constantly attended. In every case the hook, fly or lure shall be used in such manner that the fish voluntarily take or attempt to take it in their mouths.

(law not cited in entirety)

## A.R.S. 17-303

### Taking or driving wildlife from closed areas

It is unlawful for any person, except by commission order, to enter upon a game refuge or other area closed to hunting, trapping or fishing and take, drive or attempt to drive wildlife from such areas.

## A.R.S. 17-304

### Prohibition by landowner upon hunting; posting; exception

- A. Landowners or lessees of private land who desire to prohibit hunting, fishing or trapping on their lands without their written permission shall post such lands closed to hunting, fishing or trapping using notices or signboards.
- B. State or federal lands including those under lease may not be posted except by consent of the commission.
- C. The notices or signboards shall meet all of the following criteria:
1. Be not less than eight inches by eleven inches with plainly legible wording in capital and bold-faced lettering at least one inch high.
  2. Contain the words "no hunting", "no trapping" or "no fishing" either as a single phrase or in any combination.
  3. Be conspicuously placed on a structure or post at least four feet above ground level at all points of vehicular access, at all property or fence corners and at intervals of not more than one-quarter mile along the property boundary, except that a post with one hundred square inches or more of orange paint may serve as the interval notices between property or fence corners and points of vehicular access. The orange paint shall be clearly visible and shall cover the entire aboveground surface of the post facing outward and on both lateral sides from the closed area.
- D. The entry of any person for the taking of wildlife shall not be grounds for an action for trespassing unless the land has been posted pursuant to this section.

## A.R.S. 17-306

### Importation, transportation, release or possession of live wildlife

No person shall import or transport into the state or sell, trade or release within the state or have in his possession any live wildlife except as authorized by the commission or as defined in title 3, chapter 16.

## A.R.S. 17-309

### Violations; classification

- A. Unless otherwise prescribed by this title, it is unlawful for a person to:
1. Violate any provision of this title or any rule adopted pursuant to this title.
  2. Take, possess, transport, buy, sell or offer or

expose for sale wildlife except as expressly permitted by this title.

3. Destroy, injure or molest livestock, growing crops, personal property, notices or signboards, or other improvements while hunting, trapping or fishing.
  4. Discharge a firearm while taking wildlife within one-fourth mile of an occupied farmhouse or other residence, cabin, lodge or building without permission of the owner or resident.
  5. Take a game bird, game mammal or game fish and knowingly permit an edible portion thereof to go to waste, except as provided in section 17-302.
  6. Take big game, except bear or mountain lion, with the aid of dogs.
  7. Make more than one use of a shipping permit or coupon issued by the commission.
  8. Obtain a license or take wildlife during the period for which the person's license has been revoked or suspended or the person has been denied a license.
  9. Litter hunting and fishing areas while taking wildlife.
  10. Possess while hunting any contrivance designed to silence, muffle or minimize the report of a firearm.
  11. Take wildlife during the closed season.
  12. Take wildlife in an area closed to the taking of that wildlife.
  13. Take wildlife with an unlawful device.
  14. Take wildlife by an unlawful method.
  15. Take wildlife in excess of the bag limit.
  16. Possess wildlife in excess of the possession limit.
  17. Possess or transport any wildlife or parts of the wildlife which was unlawfully taken.
  18. Possess or transport the carcass of big game without a valid tag being attached.
  19. Use the edible parts of any game mammal or any part of any game bird or nongame bird as bait.
  20. Possess or transport the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wildlife which cannot be identified as to species and legality.
  21. Take game animals, game birds and game fish with an explosive compound, poison or any other deleterious substances.
  22. Import into this state or export from this state the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wildlife unlawfully taken or possessed.
- B. Unless a different or other penalty or punishment is specifically prescribed a person who violates any provision of this title, or who violates or fails to comply with a lawful order or rule of the commission, is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.
- C. A person who knowingly takes any big game during a closed season or who knowingly possesses, transports or buys any big game which was unlawfully taken during a closed season is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

D. A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who knowingly:

1. Barter, sells or offers for sale any big game or parts of big game taken unlawfully.
2. Barter, sells or offers for sale any wildlife or parts of wildlife unlawfully taken during a closed season.
3. Barter, sells or offers for sale any wildlife or parts of wildlife imported or purchased in violation of this title or a lawful rule of the commission.
4. Assists another person for monetary gain with the unlawful taking of big game.
5. Takes or possesses wildlife while under permanent revocation under section 17-340, subsection B.

E. A peace officer who knowingly fails to enforce a lawful rule of the commission or this title is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

## **A.R.S. 17-314**

### **Civil liability for illegally taking or wounding wildlife; recovery of damages**

A. The commission or any officer charged with enforcement of the laws relating to game and fish, if so directed by the commission, may bring a civil action in the name of the state against any person unlawfully taking, wounding or killing, or unlawfully in possession of, any of the following wildlife, or part thereof, and seek to recover the following minimum sums as damage:

1. For each turkey or javelina: \$500.00
2. For each bear, mountain lion, antelope or deer, other than trophy: \$1,500.00
3. For each elk or eagle, other than trophy or endangered species: \$2,500.00
4. For each predatory, fur-bearing or nongame animal: \$250.00
5. For each small game or aquatic wildlife animal: \$50.00
6. For each trophy or endangered species animal: \$8,000.00

B. No verdict or judgment recovered by the state in such action shall be for less than the sum fixed in this section. The minimum sum that the commission may seek to recover as damages from a person pursuant to this section may be doubled for a second verdict or judgment and tripled for a third verdict or judgment. The action for damages may be joined with an action for possession, and recovery had for the possession as well as the damages.

C. The pendency or determination of an action for damages or payment of a judgment, or the pendency or determination of a criminal prosecution for the same taking, wounding, killing or possession, is not a bar to the other, nor does either affect the right of seizure under any other provision of the laws relating to game and fish.

D. All monies recovered pursuant to this section shall be placed in the wildlife theft prevention fund.

## **A.R.S. 17-331**

### **License or proof of purchase required; violation of child support order**

A. Except as provided by this title or commission order, a person shall not take any wildlife in this state without a valid license or a commission approved proof of purchase. The person shall carry the license or proof of purchase and produce it upon request to any game ranger, wildlife manager or peace officer.

B. A certificate of noncompliance with a child support order issued pursuant to section 25-518 invalidates any license or proof of purchase issued to the support obligor for taking wildlife in this state and prohibits the support obligor from applying for any additional licenses issued by an automated drawing system under this title.

C. On receipt of a certificate of compliance with a child support order from the court pursuant to section 25-518 and without further action:

1. Any license or proof of purchase issued to the support obligor for taking wildlife that was previously invalidated by a certificate of noncompliance and that has not otherwise expired shall be reinstated.
2. Any ineligibility to apply for any license issued by an automated drawing system shall be removed.

## **A.R.S. 17-335**

### **Minors; blind residents**

A. A blind resident or a resident or nonresident under the age of fourteen years may fish without a license and shall be entitled to the same privileges as the holder of a valid license, except that such person shall be entitled only to one-half the legal bag and possession limit of trout.

(law not cited in entirety)

## **A.R.S. 17-336**

### **Complimentary licenses**

The commission may issue a complimentary license to:

1. A pioneer seventy years of age or older who has been a resident of this state for twenty-five or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license. The pioneer license is valid for the lifetime of the licensee, and the commission shall not require renewal of the license.
2. A veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately preceding application for the license and who is receiving compensation from the United States government for permanent service connected disabilities rated as one hundred per cent disabling.



## A.R.S. 17-340

### Revocation, suspension and denial of privilege of taking wildlife; notice; violation; classification

- A. Upon conviction or after adjudication as a delinquent juvenile as defined in section 8-201 and in addition to other penalties prescribed by this title, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend a license issued to any person under this title and deny the person the right to secure another license to take or possess wildlife for a period of not to exceed five years for:
1. Unlawful taking, unlawful selling, unlawful offering for sale, unlawful bartering or unlawful possession of wildlife.
  2. Careless use of firearms which has resulted in the injury or death of any person.
  3. Destroying, injuring or molesting livestock, or damaging or destroying growing crops, personal property, notices or signboards, or other improvements while hunting, trapping or fishing.
  4. Littering public hunting or fishing areas while taking wildlife.
  5. Knowingly allowing another person to use the person's big game tag, except as provided by section 17-332, subsection D.
  6. A violation of section 17-303, 17-304 or 17-341.
  7. A violation of section 17-309, subsection A, paragraph 1 involving any unlawful use of aircraft to take, assist in taking, harass, chase, drive, locate or assist in locating wildlife.
- B. On conviction or after adjudication as a delinquent juvenile and in addition to any other penalties prescribed by this title:
1. For a first conviction or a first adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife for a period of up to five years.
  2. For a second conviction or a second adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife for a period of up to ten years.
  3. For a third conviction or a third adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife permanently.
- C. In accordance with title 41, chapter 6, article 10 and notwithstanding subsection A of this section, any person who is assessed civil damages under section 17-314 for the unlawful taking or possession of wildlife may be denied the right to secure a license to take wildlife until damages have been paid in full.
- D. On receiving a report from the licensing authority

of a state which is a party to the wildlife violator compact, adopted under chapter 5 of this title, that a resident of this state has failed to comply with the terms of a wildlife citation, the commission, after a public hearing, may suspend any license issued under this title to take wildlife until the licensing authority furnishes satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of the wildlife citation.

- E. In carrying out the provisions of this section the director shall notify the licensee, within one hundred eighty days after conviction, to appear and show cause why the license should not be revoked, suspended or denied. The notice may be served personally or by certified mail sent to the address appearing on the license.
- F. The commission shall furnish to license dealers the names and addresses of persons whose licenses have been revoked or suspended, and the periods for which they have been denied the right to secure licenses.
- G. The commission may use the services of the office of administrative hearings to conduct hearings and to make recommendations to the commission pursuant to this section.
- H. Except for a person who takes or possesses wildlife while under permanent revocation, a person who takes wildlife in this state, or attempts to obtain a license to take wildlife, at a time when the person's privilege to do so is suspended, revoked or denied under this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

## A.R.S. 17-341

### Applying for or obtaining license or permit by fraud or misrepresentation; classification

- A. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly apply for, or to obtain, by fraud or misrepresentation a license or permit to take wildlife and a license or permit so obtained is void and of no effect from the date of issuance thereof.
- B. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

## A.R.S. 17-342

### Colorado river special use permit

- A. A person taking fish or amphibians for purposes other than for profit from or while on a boat or other floating device on all waters of the Colorado river south of the Nevada-Arizona boundary shall have in his possession a valid angling or fishing license issued by either the state of Arizona or the state of California. In addition to one of the above described licenses, such person shall have in his possession a valid California or Arizona-Colorado river special use permit, as provided by sections 17-343 and 17-344, which shall be obtained on payment of a fee to be fixed by the commission at not to exceed four dollars. Such a permit shall not be required to take fish or amphibians from canals, drains or ditches used to carry water from the Colorado river for irrigation or domestic purposes.

- B. A person having in his possession a valid Arizona fishing license must have a California-Colorado river special use permit to legally fish the waters described in subsection A of this section. A person having in his possession a valid California angling license must have an Arizona-Colorado river special use permit to legally fish the waters described in subsection A of this section. Such special use permit when accompanied by the proper license will allow the holder to fish in any portion of such waters and permit him to enter the waters from any point.
- C. Shore line fishing does not require a Colorado river special use permit as long as the fisherman remains on the shore of the state from which he holds a valid license and does not embark on the water.

# Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules About Fishing

## R12-4-101

### Definitions

- A. In addition to the definitions provided in A.R.S. § 17-101, R12-4-401, and R12-4-501, the following definitions apply to this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
1. "Artificial lures and flies" means man-made devices intended as visual attractants for fish and does not include living or dead organisms or edible parts of those organisms, natural or prepared food stuffs, artificial salmon eggs, artificial corn, or artificial marshmallows.
  2. "Bonus point" means a credit that authorizes the Department to issue an applicant an additional computer-generated random number.
  3. "Commission Order" means a document adopted by the Commission that does any or all of the following: open, close, or alter seasons and open areas for taking wildlife; specify wildlife that may or may not be taken; set bag or possession limits for wildlife; or set the number of permits available for limited hunts.
  4. "Crayfish net" means a net that does not exceed 36 inches on a side or in diameter and is retrieved by means of a hand-held line.
  9. "Identification number" means a number assigned to each applicant or license holder by the Department, as prescribed in R12-4-111.
  10. "License dealer" means a business authorized to sell hunting, fishing, and other licenses under to R12-4-105.
  11. "Live baitfish" means any species of live freshwater fish designated by Commission Order as lawful for use in taking aquatic wildlife under R12-4-317.
  12. "Management unit" means an area established by the Commission for management purposes.
  13. "Minnow trap" means a trap with dimensions that do not exceed 12 inches in depth, 12 inches in width and 24 inches in length.
  18. "Simultaneous fishing" means taking fish by using two lines and not more than two hooks or two artificial lures or flies per line.
  20. "Stamp" means a form of authorization in addition to a license that allows the license holder to take wildlife specified by the stamp. The Department shall issue a stamp by one of the following methods:
    - a. Print the name of the stamp on the applicable license;
    - b. Print the name of the stamp on a separate license form that the license holder shall attach to or carry with the applicable

license; or

- c. Provide an actual stamp with an adhesive backing that the license holder shall affix to the back of the applicable license and signs across the face of the stamp.
21. "Tag" means the authorization that an individual is required to obtain from the Department under A.R.S. Title 17 and 12 A.A.C.4 before taking certain wildlife.
  22. "Waterdog" means the larval or metamorphosing stage of salamanders.
  23. "Wildlife area" means an area established under 12 A.A.C.4, Article 8.

(rule not cited in entirety)

## R12-4-117

### Indian Reservations

A state license, tag, or permit is not required to hunt or fish on any Indian reservation in this state. Wildlife lawfully taken on an Indian reservation may be transported or processed anywhere in the state if it can be identified as to species and legality as provided in A.R.S. § 17-309(A)(20). All wildlife transported is subject to inspection under the provisions of A.R.S. § 17-211(E)(4).

## R12-4-305

### Possessing, Transporting, Importing, Exporting, and Selling Carcasses or Parts of Wildlife

- A. For the purposes of this Section, "evidence of legality" means:
1. The wildlife is identifiable as the "legal wildlife" prescribed by Commission order, which may include evidence of species, gender, antler or horn growth, maturity and size; and
  2. The wildlife is accompanied by the applicable license, tag, separated portion of a tag under R12-4-302, stamp or permit required by law.
- B. An individual shall ensure that evidence of legality remains with the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wild mammal, bird, or reptile that the individual possesses or transports, until arrival at the individual's permanent abode, a commercial processing plant, or the place where the wildlife is to be consumed.
- I. An individual may import into this state carcasses or parts of carcasses of wildlife that have been lawfully taken in another state or country if accompanied by evidence of legality.
  - K. An individual may import into this state the carcasses or parts of aquatic wildlife that have been lawfully taken in another state or country if accompanied by evidence of legality, and if transported and exported in accordance with the laws of the state or country of origin.
  - L. An individual in possession of or transporting the

carcasses of any freshwater fish that have been taken within this state shall ensure that the head, tail, or skin is attached so that the species can be identified, numbers counted, and any required length determined.

- M. An individual in possession of a carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) or buffalofish (*Ictiobus* spp.) carcass taken under Commission order may sell the carcass.

(rule not cited in entirety)

## R12-4-308

### Wildlife Inspections, Check Stations, and Roadblocks

- A. The Department has the authority to establish mandatory wildlife check stations. The Department shall publish the location, check-in requirements, and check-out requirements for a season with the published Commission order establishing the season.
1. Hunters shall personally check in at a wildlife check station before hunting in a season with a published check-in requirement.
  2. The Department shall ensure that wildlife check stations with a published check-in requirement are open continuously from 8:00 a.m. the day before the season until 8:00 p.m. the first day of the season, and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during each day of the season.
  3. Hunters shall personally check out after hunting in a season with a published check-out requirement, and shall present for inspection any wildlife taken and display any license, tag, or permit required for taking or transporting wildlife.
  4. The Department shall ensure that wildlife check stations with a published check-out requirement are open continuously from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during each day of the season and remain open until 12:00 noon on the day following the close of the season.
- C. The Director or Director's designee may establish vehicle roadblocks at specific locations when necessary to ensure compliance with applicable wildlife laws. Any occupant of a vehicle at a roadblock shall, upon request, present for inspection all wildlife in possession, and produce and display any license, tag, stamp, or permit required for taking or transporting wildlife.
- D. This Section does not limit the game ranger or wildlife manager's authority to conduct stops, searches, and inspections under A.R.S. §§ 17-211(D) and 17-331, or to establish voluntary wildlife survey stations to gather biological information.
- (rule not cited in entirety)

# Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules About Fishing

## R12-4-310

### Fishing Permits

- A. The Department may issue a Fishing Permit to state, county, or municipal agencies or departments and to nonprofit organizations licensed by or contracted with the Department of Economic Security or Department of Health Services, whose primary purpose is to provide physical or mental rehabilitation or training for individuals with physical, developmental, or mental disabilities. The permit will allow individuals with physical, developmental, or mental disabilities to fish without a fishing license. The permit will authorize this activity for up to 20 individuals for the two days specified on the permit upon any public waters except that fishing in the waters of the Colorado River is restricted to fishing from the Arizona shoreline only, unless the persons fishing under the authority of the permit also possess a valid Colorado River stamp from the adjacent state. The individuals fishing under the authority of the permit shall comply with other statutes, Commission orders, and rules not contained in this Section.
- B. An applicant for a Fishing Permit shall provide the following to the Department:
1. A completed application form obtained from the Department that contains:
    - a. The name, address, and telephone number of the agency, department, or nonprofit organization requesting the permit;
    - b. The name, position title, and telephone number of the individual who will be responsible for supervising the individuals who will be fishing under the authority of the permit;
    - c. The total number of individuals who will be fishing under the authority of the permit;
    - d. The dates of the two days for which the permit will be valid; and
    - e. The location for which the permit will be valid.
  2. Nonprofit organizations shall also submit documentation that they are licensed by or have a contract with the Department of Economic Security or the Department of Health Services for the purpose of providing rehabilitation or treatment services to individuals or groups with physical, developmental, or mental disabilities.
- C. The Department shall issue or deny the Fishing Permit to an applicant within 30 calendar days of receiving an application.
- D. The Fishing Permit permittee shall provide one hour of instruction on fish identification, fishing ethics, safety, and techniques to the individu-

als who will be fishing under authority of the permit. The Department shall provide the lesson plan for this instruction to the permittee.

- E. Each individual fishing without a license under the authority of the Fishing Permit may take only one-half the regular bag limit established by Commission order for any species, unless the regular bag limit is one, in which case the permit authorizes the regular limit.
- F. The permittee shall submit a report to the Department not later than 30 days after the end of the authorized fishing dates. The Department may deny issuance of future Fishing Permits to permittees who fail to submit the report. The permittee shall report on a form available from the Department:
1. The Fishing Permit number and the information contained in the permit;
  2. The total number of individuals who fished and total hours fished;
  3. The total number of fish caught, kept, and released, by species.

## R12-4-311

### Exemptions from Requirement to Possess an Arizona Fishing License while Taking Aquatic Wildlife

- A. A fishing license is not required to take aquatic wildlife from private waters that are not open to the public and not managed by the Department.
- B. An individual may take terrestrial mollusks or crustaceans from private property without a fishing license.
- C. Any individual fishing in Arizona on the designated Saturday during National Fishing and Boating Week may fish without an Arizona fishing license if the individual's privilege to take aquatic wildlife has not been revoked by the Commission. The provisions of this subsection apply to all waters except the Colorado River adjacent to California and Nevada, where fishing without a license is limited to the shoreline, unless the state with concurrent jurisdiction removes licensing requirements on the same day. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to Reservation lands except as authorized by tribal governments.
- D. An individual participating in an introductory fishing clinic organized, sanctioned, and sponsored by the Department may fish without a fishing license while an authorized Department instructor is present.

## R12-4-312

### Special Use Permits and Stamps for Fishing on Waters with Shared Jurisdiction

- A. Any individual fishing from a watercraft or other floating device or object on the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, or that portion of the Colorado River that forms the mutual boundary between Arizona and Nevada, shall have in possession:
1. A valid Arizona-Colorado River special use stamp affixed to a valid Arizona fishing license, or
  2. A valid Nevada-Colorado River special use stamp affixed to a valid Nevada fishing license.
- B. Any individual fishing from the Arizona shorelines of the waters named in subsection (A), unless exempted by R12-4-310 or R12-4-311, shall have in possession either:
1. A valid Arizona fishing license, unless exempted under A.R.S. § 17-335; or
  2. A valid Nevada-Colorado River special use stamp affixed to a valid Nevada fishing license.
- C. Any individual fishing in the waters of Mitty Lake or Topock Marsh, unless exempted by R12-4-310 or R12-4-311, shall have in possession either:
1. A valid Arizona fishing license, unless exempted under A.R.S. § 17-335; or
  2. A valid Arizona-Colorado River special use permit stamp affixed to a valid California fishing license.
- D. Any individual fishing in the Arizona portion of Lake Powell, unless exempted by R12-4-310 or R12-4-311, shall have in possession either:
1. A valid Arizona fishing license, unless exempted under A.R.S. § 17-335; or
  2. A valid Arizona-Lake Powell stamp affixed to a valid Utah resident fishing license.
- E. The requirements of this Section are in addition to those contained in A.R.S. §§ 17-342, 17-343, and 17-344.

## R12-4-313

### Lawful Methods of Taking Aquatic Wildlife

- A. An individual may take aquatic wildlife as defined in A.R.S. § 17-101, subject to the restrictions prescribed in R12-4-303, R12-4-317, and this Section. Aquatic wildlife may be taken during the day or night and may be taken using artificial light as prescribed in A.R.S. § 17-301.
- B. The Commission may, through Commission order, prescribe legal sizes for possession of aquatic wildlife.
- C. An individual may take aquatic wildlife by angling or simultaneous fishing as defined in R12-4-101



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with any bait, artificial lure, or fly subject to the following restrictions. An individual:

1. Shall not possess aquatic wildlife other than aquatic wildlife prescribed by Commission order;
  2. Shall not use the flesh of game fish, except sunfish of the genus *Lepomis*, as bait;
  3. May use live baitfish, as defined in R12-4-101, only in areas designated by Commission order; and
  4. Shall not use waterdogs as live bait in that portion of Santa Cruz County lying east and south of State Highway 82 or that portion of Cochise County lying west of the San Pedro River and south of State Highway 82.
- D. In addition to angling, an individual may also take the following aquatic wildlife using the following methods, subject to the restrictions of R12-4-303, R12-4-317, and this Section:
1. Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), buffalofish, mullet, tilapia, goldfish, and shad may also be taken by bow and arrow, crossbow, snare, gig, spear, spear gun, or snagging. Except for snagging, an individual shall not practice any of these methods of take within 200 yards of any boat dock or designated swimming area.
  2. Striped bass may also be taken by spear or spear gun in waters designated by Commission order.
  3. Live baitfish may also be taken for personal use as bait by:
    - a. A cast net not to exceed a radius of four feet measured from the horn to the leadline;
    - b. A minnow trap, as defined in R12-4-101;
    - c. A seine net not to exceed 10 feet in length and four feet in width; or
    - d. A dip net.
  4. Amphibians, soft-shelled turtles, mollusks, and crustaceans may also be taken by minnow trap, crayfish net, hand, or with any hand-held, non-motorized implement that does not discharge a projectile, unless otherwise permitted by this Section.
  5. In addition to the methods described in subsection (D)(4) of this Section, bullfrogs may also be taken by bow and arrow, crossbow, or slingshot.
  6. In addition to the methods described in subsection (D)(4) of this Section, crayfish may also be taken with the following devices:
    - a. A trap not more than three feet in the greatest dimension; or
    - b. A seine net not larger than ten feet in length and four feet in width.
- E. An individual who uses a crayfish and minnow trap shall attach a water-resistant identification

tag to the trap if it is unattended. The tag shall include the legible name, address, and fishing license number of the individual using the trap. An individual using a crayfish and minnow trap shall raise and empty the trap daily.

## R12-4-315

### Possession of Live Fish; Unattended Live Boxes and Stringers

- A. An individual may possess fish taken alive under R12-4-313 on the waters where taken, except when the take or possession is expressly prohibited by the provisions of R12-4-313 or R12-4-317, but the individual shall not transport the fish alive from the waters where taken except as allowed in R12-4-316.
- B. An individual who places any unattended live boxes or stringers holding fish shall attach water resistant identification legibly bearing the name, address, and fishing license number of the individual using and holding fish in the live box or stringer.

## R12-4-316

### Possession, Transportation, or Importation of Live Baitfish, Crayfish, or Waterdogs

- A. An individual may possess live baitfish, crayfish, or waterdogs for use as live bait only in accordance with this Section and R12-4-317.
- B. An individual may possess or transport the following live baitfish for personal use as live bait in accordance with R12-4-317. An individual who possesses a valid Arizona fishing license may import these live baitfish from California or Nevada without accompanying documentation certifying the fish are free of disease, or may import these live baitfish from any other state with accompanying documentation certifying that the fish are free of Furunculosis.
  1. Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*);
  2. Mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*);
  3. Red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*);
  4. Threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*);
  5. Golden shiners (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*); and
  6. Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*).
- C. An individual who possesses a valid Arizona fishing license may import, transport, or possess live waterdogs for personal use as bait, except in the portion of Santa Cruz County lying east and south of State Highway 82 or the portion of Cochise County lying west of the San Pedro River and south of State Highway 82.
- D. An individual shall not import, transport, move between waters, or possess live crayfish for personal use as live bait except as allowed in 12 A.A.C. 4, Article 4, and except for the portion of La Paz County west of Highway 95 and

south of Interstate 10, Yuma County, and on the Colorado River from the Palo Verde Diversion Dam downstream to the southern international boundary with Mexico.

- E. An individual may trap or capture live crayfish as provided in R12-4-313. A person may use live crayfish as bait only in the body of water where trapped or captured, not in an adjacent body of water, except for the portion of La Paz County west of Highway 95 and south of Interstate 10, Yuma County, and on the Colorado River from the Palo Verde Diversion Dam downstream to the Southern international boundary with Mexico.
- F. An individual shall not transport crayfish alive from the site where taken except for the portion of La Paz County west of Highway 95 and south of Interstate 10, Yuma County, and on the Colorado River from the Palo Verde Diversion Dam downstream to the southern international boundary with Mexico.

## R12-4-317

### Seasons for Lawfully Taking Fish, Mollusks, Crustaceans, Amphibians, and Aquatic Reptiles

- A. Methods of lawfully taking aquatic wildlife during seasons designated by Commission order as "general" seasons are designated in R12-4-313.
- B. Other seasons designated by Commission order have specific requirements and lawful methods of take more restrictive than those for general seasons, as prescribed in this Section. While taking aquatic wildlife under R12-4-313:
  1. An individual participating in an "artificial lures and flies only" season shall use only artificial lures and flies as defined in R12-4-101. The Commission may further restrict "artificial lures and flies only" season to the use of barbless or single barbless hooks. A barbless hook is any fishhook manufactured without barbs or on which barbs have been completely closed or removed.
  2. An individual participating in a "live baitfish" season shall not use any species of fish as live bait, or possess any species of fish for use as live bait at, in, or upon any waters unless that species is specified as a live baitfish for those waters by Commission order. Live baitfish shall not be transported from the waters where taken except as allowed in R12-4-316.
  3. An individual participating in an "immediate kill or release" season shall kill and retain the designated species as part of the bag limit or immediately release the wildlife. Further fishing is prohibited after the legal bag limit is killed.
  4. An individual participating in a "catch and immediate release" season shall immediately release the designated species.



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5. An individual participating in an "immediate kill" season shall immediately kill and retain the designated species as part of the bag limit.
  6. An individual participating in a "snagging" season shall use this method only at times and locations designated by Commission order.
  7. An individual participating in a "spear or spear gun" season shall use this method only at times and locations designated by Commission order.
- C. A "special" season may be designated by Commission order to allow fish to be taken by hand, or by any hand-held, non-motorized implement that does not discharge a projectile. The "special" season may apply to any waters where a fish die-off is imminent due either to poor or low water conditions or Department fish renovation activities, or as designated by Commission order.

## R12-4-402

### Live Wildlife: Unlawful Acts

- A. An individual shall not perform any of the following activities with live wildlife unless authorized by this Chapter or A.R.S. Title 3, Chapter 16:
1. Import any live wildlife into the state;
  2. Export any live wildlife from the state;
  3. Transport, possess, offer for sale, sell, sell as live bait, trade, give away, purchase, rent, lease, display, exhibit, propagate, stock, or release live wildlife within the state; or
  4. Kill any captive live wildlife;
- B. If an individual lawfully possesses wildlife, but holds it in a manner that poses an actual or potential threat to other wildlife, or the safety, health, or welfare of the public, the Department shall seize, quarantine, or hold the wildlife.

## R12-4-404

### Possession of Live Wildlife Taken Under an Arizona Hunting or Fishing License

- A. An individual may take wildlife from the wild alive under a valid Arizona hunting or fishing license only if there is a Commission Order that prescribes a live bag and possession limit for that wildlife and the individual possesses the appropriate license. An individual may possess, transport, place on educational display, photograph, propagate, or kill for personal use any wildlife taken under an Arizona hunting or fishing license, except that live baitfish may be possessed and transported only in accordance with R12-4-316. An individual shall dispose of any wildlife taken under an Arizona hunting or fishing license as prescribed by subsection (B).
- B. An individual who possesses wildlife or offspring of wildlife under this Section shall only dispose of the wildlife or its offspring by giving it as a

gift, exporting it to another state or jurisdiction, or as directed in writing by the Department. An individual shall not dispose of wildlife taken as prescribed by this Section or offspring of the wildlife by selling, bartering, trading, or exporting it for commercial purposes. Exported live wildlife and its offspring shall not be sold, bartered, purchased, rented, leased, offered for sale, or used for any commercial purpose. An individual shall not export live desert tortoises (*Gopherus agassizii*) from the state without written authorization from the Department. The Department shall only authorize an individual to export live desert tortoises to another jurisdiction where they can be legally possessed. An individual may release live wildlife possessed under this Section into the wild, but only if the wildlife is not removed from the area where it was taken.

- C. An individual shall not exceed the possession limit of live wildlife established by Commission Order for that species. Offspring of wildlife possessed under this Section count towards the possession limit. If any offspring of amphibians or reptiles exceed the possession limit, they may be held in captivity for 12 months from the date of birth or hatching. Before or on the day the offspring of reptiles and amphibians reach 12 months of age, the individual that possesses them shall dispose of them by giving them as gifts or as directed by the Department.
- D. An individual may propagate desert tortoises possessed under R12-4-407(A)(1), and may hold offspring in captivity for 24 months from the date of hatching. An individual shall dispose of desert tortoises at the end of the 24 months by giving them as gifts or as directed in writing by the Department.
- E. An individual who possesses live wildlife or offspring of wildlife under this Section shall report the wildlife to the Department as prescribed under R12-4-425 if the wildlife becomes restricted under R12-4-406.

## R12-4-801

### General Provisions

- A. Wildlife areas shall be established to:
1. Provide protective measures for wildlife, habitat, or both; and
  2. Allow for special management or research practices; and
  3. Enhance wildlife and habitat conservation.
- B. Wildlife areas shall be:
1. Lands owned or leased by the Commission and managed by the Department, or
  2. Federally-owned lands of unique wildlife habitat where cooperative agreements provide wildlife management and research implementation.

3. Any lands with property interest conveyed to the Commission by any entity, through approved land use agreement, including but not limited to deeds, patents, leases, conservation easements, special use permits, licenses, agreement, management agreement, inter-agency agreements, letter agreements, and right-of-entry, where said property interest is sufficient for management of the lands consistent with the objectives of the wildlife area.

- C. Wildlife area designation shall not be given to any private lands, or lands in which private parcels are located, solely for the purpose of protecting private property. Wildlife area designation on private property, or where private property is involved, shall be considered by the Commission only when the Commission and the owners arrive at a mutual agreement that shall not confine or restrict the Department in fulfilling management or research objectives, nor close the area to hunting, trapping, or fishing.

- D. Land qualified for wildlife areas shall be:

1. Lands with unique topographic or vegetative characteristics that contribute to wildlife,
2. Lands where certain wildlife species are confined because of habitat demands,
3. Lands that can be physically managed and modified to attract wildlife, or
4. Lands that are identified as critical habitat for certain wildlife species during critical periods of their life cycles.

- E. The Department may restrict public access to and public use of wildlife areas and the resources of wildlife areas for up to 90 days when necessary to protect property, ensure public safety, or to ensure maximum benefits to wildlife. Closures or restrictions exceeding 90 days shall require Commission approval.

- F. Closures of all or any part of a wildlife area to public entry, and any restriction to public use of a wildlife area, shall be listed in this Article or shall be clearly posted at each entrance to the wildlife area. No person shall conduct an activity restricted by this Article or by such posting.

- G. When a wildlife area is posted against travel except on existing roads, no person shall drive a motor-operated vehicle over the countryside except by road.

- H. Effective May 1, 2000.

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**To Report a Game or Fish Violation.....** (800) 352-0700

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on the Web..... <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>  
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**Coconino National Forest.....** (928) 527-3600

**Coronado National Forest.....** (520) 388-8300

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**Prescott National Forest .....** (928) 443-8000

**Tonto National Forest.....** (602) 225-5200

### U.S. Bureau of Land Management State Office

on the Web..... [www.az.blm.gov](http://www.az.blm.gov)  
or call .....

..... (602) 417-9200

### Arizona State Parks State Office

on the Web..... [www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com)  
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- Alamo Lake State Park..... (928) 669-2088
- Buckskin Mountain State Park..... (928) 667-3231
- Cattail Cove State Park..... (928) 855-1223
- Dead Horse Ranch State Park..... (928) 634-5283
- Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area..... (928) 537-3680
- Lake Havasu State Park..... (928) 855-2784
- Patagonia Lake State Park..... (520) 287-6965
- Red Rock State Park..... (928) 282-6907
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